



## WINTER PROGRAM GUIDE

Greetings, everyone! I wanted to say hello and introduce myself as Otsego's newest Parks and Recreation Director. I have worked at Otsego for almost seven years and have seen the immense amount of growth and changes we have experienced as a community. I want to encourage everyone to participate in our programs, play in our parks, or recreate on our extensive trail system. We as a department look forward to bringing you innovative, fun, and safe experiences in our parks and recreation system. Looking forward to continuing to offer high quality programs, parks, and trails. Have a great holiday season! Hope to see everyone at our annual tree lighting or Santa Day!

*Nick Jacobs*, Parks and Recreation Director







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The Otsego Parks and Recreation Department will be allowing participants to register for fall and winter programs. Preregistration is required for every event and program. No on-site registration will be allowed.



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# HOLIDAY EVENTS

## SANTA DAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10



### FREE – PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED

The North Pole is coming to Otsego! The elves are busy transforming the City Shop into a winter wonderland for you and your family to walk through. The kids will get to see real-life reindeer, listen to carolers and greet Santa and Mrs. Claus with an opportunity available to take a selfie in front of them! New this year: Your child will be able to hand their Santa letters directly to him and receive a holiday treat. The elves are planning other fun surprises for your kids so register early; you won't want to miss this magical day! (Space is limited.)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 10:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.**

*This is a free event but you must preregister at [otsegoparksrec.com](http://otsegoparksrec.com) for a time slot for your family to attend. No on-site registrations will be allowed and spaces are limited.*

**LOCATION: OTSEGO CITY HALL, 13400 90TH ST. NE**

## LIGHTING OF THE TREE

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 6:00 p.m.**



## LETTERS TO SANTA

**NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 10**

Please drop off your letter including a return address by December 10 to receive a personal letter back from Santa. Even after the deadline, the elves will gladly deliver all the children's letters to Santa at the North Pole!

Send child's letter to  
[recreation@ci.otsego.mn.us](mailto:recreation@ci.otsego.mn.us)  
or drop off letters at  
North Pole Mail Box located  
outside Prairie Center.



### DOG SLEDDING CLASS

Silent Run Adventures offers an up-close and personal opportunity to learn about the awesome sport of dogsledding. After a brief presentation, a team of beautiful Siberian Huskies will pull attendees in a dogsled, leaving you with memories that will last a lifetime. Warm up after your ride with coffee and hot chocolate. All ages are welcome. Spaces are limited, so register early!

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14: 4 SESSIONS**

9:00-9:55 a.m., 10:00-10:55 a.m., 11:00-11:55 a.m., and 12:00-12:55 p.m.

Adults: **\$25**, Kids 5-18: **\$20** (kids 4 and under free with paid adult)

**LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE. NE**

# NEW WEEKDAY MORNING PRESCHOOL CAMPS AND ACTIVE PLAYTIME

## MONDAY-THURSDAY: 9:15-11:00 a.m.

These camps are designed to help your child develop social and motor skills all through fun and play activities.

## OPEN PLAYTIME

### AGES BIRTH-5 - DROP-IN PLAY

This is time for you and your child to jump and play, create artistic masterpieces, and just spend time together and enjoy watching your child making friends and having fun! Activities will include crafts, games, and stories. Fun is guaranteed.

### MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS

November - May 18 10:00-11:00 p.m. \$2/child  
(Not meeting December 26 or 29, nor January 2)

In case of inclement weather, please check website and Facebook.

**LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE. NE**

## MULTI-SPORT CAMP (T-BALL, SOCCER, BASKETBALL, AND KICKBALL)

### AGES 2-5

This camp is all about having fun, making friends, and learning skills! Campers will learn good techniques in dribbling, shooting, and the defensive stance. Developing and improving motor skills and fitness is the focus of this camp in a fun and safe atmosphere! Parents are expected to participate with their child with some skill development.

### WEDNESDAYS: 6 SESSIONS

January 18 - February 22 9:15-9:45 a.m. \$35

### TUESDAYS: 6 SESSIONS

March 7 - April 18 10:00-10:30 a.m. \$35  
(Not meeting April 4)

**LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE. NE**

## TINY TOT NINJA CAMP

### AGES 2-5

In this class, your child will develop skills of balance, strength, and speed. This camp is all about Ninja fitness and activities, keeping your child engaged and active all in a fun and safe environment. Parents are expected to participate with their child with some skill development.

### TUESDAYS: 6 SESSIONS

January 17 - February 21 9:15-9:45 a.m. \$35

### WEDNESDAYS: 6 SESSIONS

March 8 - April 19 9:15-9:45 a.m. \$35  
(Not meeting April 5)

**LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE. NE**

## TINY TOT MESSY ART CAMP

### AGES 2-5

The Messy Art Camp is a process-oriented art experience. We focus on the exploration of material, colors and textures, art recipes, and all the squishy-gooey-messy stuff kids love to get their hands in! We use safe, nontoxic art supplies and some even made from scratch. The main goal is to have fun and make and keep the mess here with us.

### WEDNESDAYS: 6 SESSIONS

January 18 - February 22 10:00-10:30 a.m. \$40

### WEDNESDAYS: 6 SESSIONS

March 8 - April 19 10:00-10:30 a.m. \$40  
(Not meeting April 5)

**LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE. NE**

## MUSIC AND ME CAMP

### AGES 1-5

Participate with your young child in singing, dancing, and playing instruments, in this active music class. Musical skills such as rhythm, pitch, and loud and soft tones are taught using instruments and games. Kid-friendly props also add to the special music-making experience. Participation will improve coordination and develop an overall sense of musical appreciation.

### TUESDAYS: 6 SESSIONS

January 17 - February 21 10:00-10:30 a.m. \$35

**LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE. NE**

## TINY TOT TUMBLING CAMP

### AGES 2-5

In this class, your child will develop skills of coordination, balance, flexibility, and rhythm in a fun and safe atmosphere where they will be introduced to the balance beam, bar, and vault. Students are encouraged to wear leotards or shorts, sweatpants, and T-shirts. Please tie back long hair. Parents are expected to participate with their child with some skill development.

### TUESDAYS: 6 SESSIONS

March 7 - April 18 9:15-9:45 a.m. \$35  
(Not meeting April 4)

**LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE. NE**

## KIDS YOGA AND ME

### AGES 1-5

Participate with your young child as they strengthen their bodies through basic yoga poses. Through games, songs, and imaginative play, they will learn mindfulness and develop tools to feel calmer, happier, and more peaceful inside. Mats are provided.

### TUESDAYS: 6 SESSIONS

March 7 - April 18 10:45-11:15 a.m. \$35  
(Not meeting April 4)

**LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE. NE**

## SUPER SAVER

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# THURSDAY EVENING AND SATURDAY MORNING CAMPS

## INTRO TO TUMBLING

### AGES 2-3

In this toddler-and-me class, your child will develop skills of coordination, balance, flexibility, and rhythm in a fun and safe atmosphere where they will be introduced to the balance beam, bar, and vault. Students are encouraged to wear leotards or shorts, sweatpants, and T-shirts. Please tie back long hair. Parents are expected to participate with their child.

#### THURSDAYS: 6 SESSIONS

January 19 - February 23 5:30-6:00 p.m. \$35

#### SATURDAYS: 6 SESSIONS

March 11 - April 22 8:45-9:15 a.m. \$35  
(Not meeting April 8)

**LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE. NE**

## TUMBLING BASICS

### AGES 4-5

In this class, your child will develop skills of coordination, balance, flexibility, and rhythm in a fun and safe atmosphere where they will be introduced to the balance beam, bar, and vault. Students are encouraged to wear leotards or shorts, sweatpants, and T-shirts. Please tie back long hair.

#### THURSDAYS: 6 SESSIONS

January 19 - February 23 6:10-6:40 p.m. \$35

#### SATURDAYS: 6 SESSIONS

March 11 - April 22 9:25-9:55 a.m. \$35  
(Not meeting April 8)

**LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE. NE**

## ULTIMATE NINJA CAMP

### AGES 3-5

This camp is all about Ninja fitness and activities, keeping your child engaged and active all in a fun and safe environment.

#### THURSDAYS: 6 SESSIONS

January 19 - February 23 7:00-7:30 p.m. \$35

#### SATURDAYS: 6 SESSIONS

March 11 - April 22 10:15-10:45 a.m. \$35  
(Not meeting April 8)

**LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE. NE**

## KIDS YOGA AND ME

### AGES 2-5

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March 11 - April 22 11:00-11:30 a.m. \$35  
(Not meeting April 8)

**LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE. NE**

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# THURSDAY EVENING AND SATURDAY MORNING CAMPS

## FALCON SPORT CAMP

### AGE 2

This camp is all about having fun, making friends, and learning skills! Campers will learn techniques in dribbling and shooting and the defensive stance. Developing and improving motor skills and fitness are the focus of this camp in a fun and safe atmosphere! Soccer, Basketball, Kickball, and T-ball. Parents/adults are expected to participate with your child for most activities.

#### SATURDAYS: 6 SESSIONS

January 21 - February 25 8:45-9:10 a.m. \$35

#### THURSDAYS: 6 SESSIONS

March 9 - April 20 5:30-5:55 p.m. \$35

(Not meeting April 6)

**LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE. NE**



## WILDCAT MULTI-SPORT CAMP

### AGES 3-4

This camp is all about having fun, making friends, and learning skills! Campers will learn techniques in dribbling and shooting and the defensive stance. Developing and improving motor skills and fitness are the focus of this camp in a fun and safe atmosphere! Soccer, Basketball, Kickball, and T-ball. Parents/adults might need to participate with your child for some activities.

#### SATURDAYS: 6 SESSIONS

January 21 - February 25 9:20-9:50 a.m. \$35

#### THURSDAYS: 6 SESSIONS

March 9 - April 20 6:05-6:35 p.m. \$35

(Not meeting April 6)

**LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE. NE**

## EAGLE MULTI-SPORT CAMP

### AGES 5-6

This camp is all about having fun, making friends, and learning skills! Campers will learn techniques in dribbling and shooting and the defensive stance. Continued and refined development of motor skills and fitness are the focus of this camp in a fun and safe atmosphere! Soccer, Basketball, Kickball, and T-ball.

#### SATURDAYS: 6 SESSIONS

January 21 - February 25 10:00-10:35 a.m. \$35

#### THURSDAYS: 6 SESSIONS

March 9 - April 20 6:45-7:15 p.m. \$35

(Not meeting April 6)

**LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE. NE**

## WINTER PARTIES

### VALENTINE PARTY

#### AGES 4-10

At this party, it's all about red hearts, flowers, and everything valentine. Your child will enjoy story time, arts and crafts, musical games, a valentine lunch, treats, and lots of fun! Please dress in red or pink!

Saturday, February 11 11:00-12:30 p.m. \$30

(Deadline to Register: February 6)

**LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE. NE**

### SUPERHERO

#### AGES 4-10

At this party, it's all about superheroes. Your child will have fun being active, running, and learning superhero moves in a safe environment. Story time, crafts, games, and a superhero lunch will also be included! Dress-up is highly encouraged.

Saturday, March 25

12:00-1:30 p.m.

\$30

(Deadline to Register:

March 17)

**LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE. NE**



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# ADULT FITNESS

## ADULT FITNESS

WEEKLY CLASSES AT PRAIRIE CENTER

8899 NASHUA AVE. NE

ALL LEVELS AGES 12+

Otsego Parks and Recreation offers group fitness and training options to the community! This winter we are offering a variety of classes on Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

### CLASS SCHEDULE:

A complete class list with dates and times is available under Adult Fitness on the [otsego.recdesk.com](http://otsego.recdesk.com) page. If there is a class you would love to see, even as a one-time event, let us know!

Sign-up is easy! Using SignUp Genius, you sign up monthly for classes that fit your schedule.

### CLASS FEES:

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- 5 class punch card = \$35
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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OTHER UPCOMING FREE FAMILY COMMUNITY EVENTS IN 2023:

**EGG HUNT** – Saturday, April 1, 2023

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Prairie Park)

**HOPPIN HOUNDS EGG HUNT** – Saturday, April 1, 2023

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (Prairie Park Dog Park)

**TOUCH A TRUCK EVENT** – Tuesday, May 23, 2023

6:00-7:30 p.m. (Prairie Park)

**OTSEGO PRAIRIE FESTIVAL & CAR SHOW** – Saturday, September 16, 2023 | 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. (Prairie Park)

**PUMPKIN PATCH** – Saturday, October 14, 2023

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Prairie Park)

**HOWLIN HOUNDS** – Saturday, October 14, 2023

11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Prairie Park Dog Park)

**TREE LIGHTING** – Monday, November 27, 2023

6:00 p.m. (Prairie Center)

**SANTA DAY** – Saturday, December 9, 2023

10:00 a.m.-1 p.m. (City Hall Shop)

**SANTA PAWS** – Saturday, December 9, 2023

2:00-3:00 p.m. (City Hall Shop)

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## ACTIVITY CENTER

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Mondays & Wednesdays 10:00-2:00 p.m.  
(Closed on City Holidays)

**LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE. NE**

## INDOOR PICKLEBALL

Come give pickleball a try! We have rackets and balls for you to use. Players rotate in and out. Beginners are always welcome. Call the Rec Line at 763.235.3148 for more info.

Tuesdays/Thursdays 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**LOCATION: GUARDIAN ANGELS,  
9200 QUANTRELLE AVE. (GYM)**

## MONDAY CARDS (FREE)

Come join a small group of card players every Monday. They play Hand and Foot, 500, and other fun card games. Beginners are always welcome! Come give it a try. Coffee and treats are provided.

Mondays 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

## MONDAY BINGO (FREE)

Celebrate and socialize with others at this fun event. Bingo is a great way to keep your brain fit. Prizes will be awarded. Call 763.235.3148 for more info regarding this fun program.

Mondays 1:00-3:00 p.m.

*Third Monday of the month is theme bingo:*

November 28 - CODA

December 19 - Holiday Bingo

## SENIOR FITNESS (FREE)

### LINE DANCING

Learn all the dance moves and have a great time exercising. Please call 763.235.3148 for info, schedule, and to reserve your place.

Wednesdays 1:15-2:15 p.m.



## BOOK CLUB (FREE)

For the book list or questions, please call 763.235.3148.

Second Monday  
of the Month  
12:00 p.m.



## ACOUSTIC MUSIC JAM (FREE)

Strummers and pickers are invited to bring your acoustic guitar, ukulele, or other stringed instrument to our acoustic music jams at Prairie Center. All ages and all skill levels are welcome. Join the fun of making music with other musicians in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. For more information, contact the Parks and Rec Line at: 763.235.3148

The second and fourth  
Wednesday of the month

6:00-7:30 p.m.

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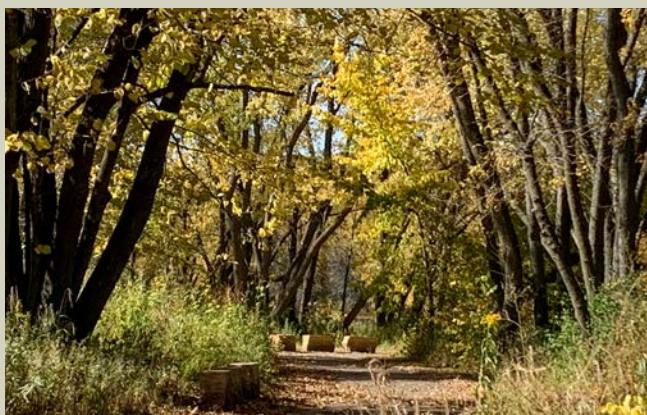


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9200 QUANTRELLE AVE. NE**



## NORIN LANDING 10599 KADLER AVE. NE

Norin Landing Park was completed in 2019 and is one of two boat launches in Otsego on the beautiful Mississippi River. This park's amenities include a boat landing, fishing pier, and river viewing areas. There is also a park shelter which includes picnic tables and signage that highlight the historical background of the area. For avid anglers, Norin Landing boasts one of the best small bass fishing areas in the state. Besides fishing, park users can enjoy observing the local wildlife that the river supports, especially trumpeter swans and eagles. For the past few summers, the Rogers High School Fishing Team has offered Intro Fishing Camps for kids ages 7-16 at Norin Landing. Look for more information in our 2023 Spring Program Guide.



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# FALL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## 2022 PUMPKIN PATCH

This day was one of the coldest Pumpkin Patch setups in recent history. There was actual frost on the over 750 pumpkins handed out but by 10:00 a.m., the sun was out and it had warmed up a little. In full costume, Mayor Stockamp started the 18th Annual Pumpkin Patch, greeting everyone at the entrance. She said she enjoyed seeing all the families, especially the kids and even the dogs who dressed in costumes.

New this year, we were very fortunate to have a local resident artist, design, and create (paint) our newest addition: the

Pumpkin Pix Station. Many families posted their "Pix" on Facebook for a chance to win a prize in the Pumpkin Pix Drawing. Some of the pictures are below.

Lastly, we would like to thank the Wright County Sheriff, Elk River and Albertville Fire Departments, OP for Air Soft (RC Cars), Miss Minnesota, Otsego residents, Otsego City Council Members, the Parks and Rec Commissioners, and others for braving the chilly temps and working hard to make this event so successful. Over 1,300 adults, kids, and dogs attended.





# FALL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## 2022 PRAIRIE FESTIVAL

### SOME FESTIVAL FACTS:

- Approximately 8,500 people attended. There were 78 vendors and exhibitors, 10 food vendors, 12 sponsors, and 130 cars at the car show.
- Free to the public were live entertainment, inflatables, laser tag, a petting zoo, and fireworks.

Thanks to all who came out to the 2022 Otsego Prairie Festival. It was a grand day because of you!

We also want to thank the Otsego Lions, Otsego Rod and Custom Car Club, Gifts Anonymous, The Bank of Elk River, and all the sponsors, volunteers, and vendors who contributed and worked hard to make this such a huge success and an amazing day! Hats off to all of you!



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IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 2023!**



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