

The Parks and Recreation Department has Special Events offered each season!!

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WINTER	JANUARY	Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT). MCT brings a world of experiences by telling tales that are famous in a humorous way that adults and those in the audience can enjoy. Each year MCT and local youth perform a fun version of a classic play. MCT provides youth with a wonderful and exciting opportunity to learn about theater, gain stage confidence, make new friends, learn that the arts is a fun way to learn, and helps develop a future audience for the arts.
	MARCH	Daddy-Daughter Dinner Dance. Treat the special little lady in your life to an evening she will always remember... A night out with her Daddy! Dinner, dancing, dessert, keepsake photo and entertainment will keep you smiling.
SPRING	APRIL	Dog Biscuit Hunt. Bring your 4-legged friends in your family down to experience the fun and excitement our special hunt. A handler 16 years or older must accompany all participants. ALL dogs MUST be on and remain on a leash at all times.
		Eggstravaganza – Flashlight Egg Hunt. A FREE “frenzied” egg hunt in the dark. Over 4,000 candy eggs, toy eggs and other surprises are scattered throughout the age-grouped areas. Be sure to bring your own flashlight and Easter basket. You may even get to see the Easter Bunny!
		Downtown Clean-Up. Come on down and help BEAUTIFY our wonderful Historic Business District. Supplies provided will be garbage sacks, shovels, rakes, and clippers. Individuals, small groups, and service groups are invited to help beautify Ellensburg!
SPRING	APRIL-SEPTEMBER	Adopt-A-Downtown Garden. In Ellensburg's Historic Business District, the Parks & Recreation Department manages 38 downtown gardens. These gardens add to the aesthetic beauty of the district, complementing the pavers and sidewalk design and the ground hexagonal plots. The Parks & Recreation Department has opened these gardens up to be a volunteer community service program. Volunteers plant and maintain gardens in the downtown business district core. Individual, organizations, businesses, schools, service groups, churches, and others can help improve our city by planting and maintaining these gardens. Let's make Ellensburg more beautiful and have some fun, too!
	JUNE (last day of school)	Touch-A-Truck. Children (and adults) will have the chance to see the big trucks and equipment up close and explore what they do. This event is the perfect opportunity to have a “hands-on” experience in a SAFE environment. The following is a partial list of possible equipment: dump truck, roller, oil distributor, chip spreader, grader, fire truck, vacuum truck, police armored vehicle, Department of Wildlife Zodiac boat, bucket trucks, “garbage” truck, sweeper, loader with snow blower attachment, mowers, tractors and excavators.
		Summer Kick-off Celebration. SCHOOL IS OUT - Come on down to Memorial Park and kick-off the best summer ever! There will be a BBQ and games from 11:30am to 2:30pm and a FREE SWIM from 1:30pm to 4:30pm. The event is sponsored by Kittitas County Youth Services and the Ellensburg Parks & Recreation Department. Pool space is limited. There may be some waiting for admission.
	JULY	Friday Movies at City Hall. Come on down to Ellensburg City Hall for a Friday night flick! Remember to bring your lawn chair and some munchies for a night of outdoor fun!

SUMMER	JULY 4th	Cardboard Regatta. Get in on a great July 4th tradition! The Cardboard Boat Regatta pits homemade cardboard boats in a fun, family-friendly race. Boats can only be made of uncoated cardboard and duct tape. Boats may be painted with latex paint. Themes and costumes are encouraged.
	AUGUST	Youth Gladiator Dash. The Youth Gladiator Dash will include running, jumping, sliding, crawling, balancing, hopping, searching, climbing, throwing and the opportunity to get MUDDY! The goal of this event will be to promote an active and healthy lifestyle to youth entering grades Kinder through 8th.
		Summer Concerts in the Park. The Ellensburg air comes alive when the FREE summer concerts start in August. Bring your lawn chair and a picnic dinner to enjoy the wonderful, local musical artists. Concerts are on Thursday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at North Alders Street Park – 2400 N. Alder Street
		Junior Rodeo Parade. Join in an Ellensburg tradition! This is an opportunity for families and youth to show their support for the Ellensburg community and the Ellensburg Fair & Rodeo. The 8 block parade is always a highlight of the Kick-off Breakfast. The theme changes yearly.
WINTER	OCTOBER	Nights of Heroes – Family Dance. Unleash your inner Super Power and wear your favorite Super Hero or create your own Super Hero costume! This is a family event. Night includes 1 professional photo per couple (and any individuals registered with the couple), dessert, games, and dancing.
	NOVEMBER	Family Game Night. Bring out the family for a fun night of bounce houses, soccer, LARGE games, and lots of laughter!
		Mother-Son Night O-Fun!!! Spend a night full of bounce houses, inflatable slides, games, activities, pizza, soda, treats, keepsake photo and FUN with a special little guy in your life.
		Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. The free Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner features all turkey, dessert, and all the accompaniments. The event is held the <u>Wednesday before Thanksgiving</u> from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The free community event is held at the Moose Lodge at 206 N. Main Street. Annually this amazing event hosts 350 individuals and families.
	DECEMBER	The Griswold Awards – Holiday Lighting Contest. The City of Ellensburg Parks & Recreation Department invites you to participate in our Holiday Lighting Contest. This contest is our way of encouraging the community to decorate and beautify our homes, businesses and neighborhoods during the winter holiday season. Winning locations will be recognized in the Daily Record and be presented with a certificate and yard sign. More information is available at the Kittitas Valley Memorial Pool and Ellensburg City Hall.
	YEAR ROUND	<p>HEMA – Knight School. Join Veritas Swordplay Academy for Introductory Weapon Intensives! Learn genuine unarmed and armed combat of the medieval knight based on period manuscripts. Build athletic ability and develop life skills while exploring this fascinating historical martial art! Practice arms and fencing masks provided. Gloves are required. For more information, visit http://germanlongsword.com</p> <p>Fencing For Fun. Do you love sword fighting? Would you like to learn how? Saber fencing is a well-known sport that will help you develop athletic excellence, sense of sportsmanship, chivalry and honor- all in a safe, supervised and encouraging environment! Fencing sabers and masks provided. Gloves are required. For more information, visit http://www.FencingForFun.com</p>