# Portage Township Parks - Program Guide 2025





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### Winter Wonderland:

From Thanksgiving through mid January, come take a festive drive through *Haven Hollow Park* and enjoy the beautiful Christmas Lights on display. Every Thursday in December from 5 to 8pm, Hot Chocolate and treats will be available for purchase.

#### **Indiana Hunter Education Course:**

This program is brought to you in partnership with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. This course will provide instruction in the areas of safe firearm use and handling while hunting, as well as in the home, hunter ethics and responsibility, game identification, and conservation management. Anyone born after December 31, 1986 is required to be certified in Hunter Education before they can purchase a hunting license. March 1st & 2nd at *Haven Hollow Park*. Preregister for this course thru INDNR at https://www.register-ed.com/events/ view/223066.

## Easter Fest:

#### (Preregistration is Required\*\*)

Join us at *South Haven Fire Station* on April 12th from Noon to 2pm for games, prizes and photos with the Easter Bunny! Preregistration is required for this event and will max out at 80 participants. Preregister for this course at the link below.



# SPRING

#### Team Up 2 Clean Up: (Please Preregister\*\*)

Volunteers are working together to make a difference in our Portage Township Parks and community! Join us as we beautify, clean, paint, plant, pick-up and much, much, more. Saturday, April 26th from 8:30am - Noon. Project locations include: Haven Hollow Park, Field of Dreams, Jim Lynch Park, South Haven Fire Department, and McCool Road. Please preregister by April 10th to guarantee a t-shirt.

#### **Cruise Nights:**

Join us the fourth Thursday of the month for Cruise Nights at *Haven Hollow Park*! All car enthusiasts are welcome! Enjoy cool cars, great music, amazing food, and even better company! This event is free to both vehicle entrants and spectators. 5/22, 6/26, 7/24, 8/28, and 9/25 from 4pm-8pm.

#### Harmony Handbells Camp:

Learn handbell techniques and collaborative music production with experienced Handbell Director Linda Haddix. Open to ages 8-17. Thursdays, June 5, 12, 19, 26 from 2-3:30 p.m. in the *Chinook Shelter*. This program is FREE!

### Art in the Park:

(Preregistration is <u>Required</u>\*\*)

Join us for "Ceramics Go Outside" with Emily Casella, Multimedia Ceramist and Art Educator, in the *Steelhead Shelter* on June 10th from 3-8pm. Open to ages 3 and up. Under 12 will need parental supervision. Emily and her team will walk you through a demonstration and assist in making a project. The project takes approx. 40 minutes to complete. All materials are provided for you and there is no cost for this program. <u>Limit one</u> project per person. Preregister for this course at the link below.

# **SUMMER**

#### Fairytale Fest:

Come and enjoy an evening of fairytale magic! This program is in partnership the Porter County Library. Children are invited to come dressed as their favorite fairytale character or just as themselves to enjoy an evening of make believe. There will be games, crafts, music, and fun! A food truck will also be present. June 18th from 5-7pm at Haven Hollow Park.

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#### Youth Disc Golf Camp: (Preregistration is Required\*\*)

More Information and dates for this program will be announced soon. Please check our website for details.

#### Youth Archery Program: (Preregistration is <u>Required</u>\*\*)

Participants will learn the fundamentals of Archery from certified instructors from the Deep River Bowmen's Club. Open to Ages 5-17. All skill levels welcome! Dates for this program will be announced soon. Please check our website for details.

#### National Night Out:

Join us August 5th from 6-7:30pm at Haven Hollow Park for this national community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships. This event is offered in partnership with the Porter County Sheriff's Department.

# FALL

### Youth Fishing Program:

(Preregistration is <u>Required</u>\*\*) More Information and dates for this program will be announced soon. Please check our website for details.

#### Cruise Nights:

Join us for the <u>last Cruise Night</u> of the season on 9/25 from 4-8pm at *Haven Hollow Park*. All car enthusiasts are welcome! Enjoy cool cars, great music, amazing food, and even better company! This event is free to vehicle entrants and spectators.

#### Haven Hollow Harvest Fest:

Join us for an amazing family night of games, a bonfire with South Haven Fire Department, treats from Porter County Sheriff's Department, Horse and Wagon Rides, and Trick or Treat Stations\*. (\*For kids 10 and under). Costumes are encouraged. Friday, October 3rd, from 5:30-8:30pm.

#### Light Up The Park:

Join us for our fifth-annual Light up the Park event at *Haven Hollow Park* as we kick off the Holiday Season! This is a FREE event & open to all ages! Hot Cocoa, Candy Canes, SANTA & MRS. CLAUS!!! Lighting will take place once Santa has reached the park, a little after 5pm!

