



Peru Recreation Summer Camps 2024

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MISSION STATEMENT

"We create community pride through people, parks, and programs."

The Peru Parks, Recreation, & Special Events Department operated alongside the Peru Recreation Board to offer, recreation, programs, & events for the benefit of all Peru citizens. Peru Parks include Washington Park, Sunset Park, McKinley Park, Rotary Park, Centennial Park, American Nickeloid Park, Veteran's Park, 28th Street, & Baker Lake. Splash Field is located within Washington Park & Wiggly Field is located at Veterans Park.

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For 2024 we will be utilizing online signups for our 6-week programs and summer camps. Below is a week-by-week outline of camps being offered this summer. A sign-up link is provided where applicable.

Many camps are free to Peru residents! If there is a fee it will be listed in the description. Nonresidents are invited and welcome, with an additional cost of \$15 per camp (exception- Saddle Up Camp). Payment is due on the first day of the camp, if applicable.

***** Please only sign up one participant per slot. Camps have limited entry so try to sign up early. If the participant is unable to attend, please remove your signup so another child may participate.**

If you have any questions, please call Seth Brannan @ (815) 681-8600.

6 Week Programs

Program	Participants	Description	Time	Location	Instructor	Sign Up
Arts and Crafts	Grades K and Up	This 6 week program will meet Monday-Thursday from June 10-27 and July 8-25. There will be a different craft everyday so come join us as often as you want 😊 Cost is \$1 per craft.	<i>Come join us anytime between</i> 10:00am-12:00pm	Washington Park- West Shelter	Maggie Hachenberger	No sign up needed. Just come on the days that you are available 😊
Tennis- High School Boys	Grades 9 th -12 th (incoming)	This 6 week program will meet Monday-Thursday from June 10-27 and July 8-25. Tennis instruction and games will be tailored to high school age participants. This class is geared towards those wanting to develop their skills for competitive or recreational play. Please bring your own racquet.	1:00-2:15 pm	LP Sports Complex- Tennis Courts	Aaron Guenther	Sign up in person on the first day of the program (if you cannot make the first day you can sign up on your first day available).
Tennis- High School Girls	Grades 9 th -12 th (incoming)	This 6 week program will meet Monday-Thursday from June 10-27 and July 8-25. Tennis instruction and games will be tailored to high school age participants. This class is geared towards those wanting to develop their skills for competitive or recreational play. Please bring your own racquet.	2:15-3:30 pm	LP Sports Complex- Tennis Courts	Aaron Guenther	Sign up in person on the first day of the program (if you cannot make the first day you can sign up on your first day available).
Tennis- Beginner Class	Grades 3 rd -8 th (incoming)	This 6 week program will meet Monday-Thursday from June 10-27 and July 8-25. Tennis instruction and games will be tailored to beginner level participants. This class is geared towards those wanting to learn how to play or improve upon basic skills. Please bring your own racquet.	9:00-10:00 am	Washington Park- Tennis Courts	Jill Urban-Bollis	Sign up in person on the first day of the program (if you cannot make the first day you can sign up on your first day available).

Tennis-Intermediate Class	Grades 3 rd -8 th (incoming)	This 6 week program will meet Monday-Thursday from June 10-27 and July 8-25. Tennis instruction and games will be tailored to intermediate level participants. This class is for those who can serve with consistency and are looking to enhance their skills. Please bring your own racquet.	10:00-11:00 am	Washington Park- Tennis Courts	Jill Urban-Bollis	Sign up in person on the first day of the program (if you cannot make the first day you can sign up on your first day available).
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Week of June 10- June 14

Camp	Participants	Description	Time	Location	Instructor	Sign Up
Down on the Farm	Grades K-2 nd (incoming)	Come join us for some farm themed fun! This camp incorporates games, projects, and stories from "down on the farm."	1:00-2:00 pm	Washington Park- West Shelter	Maggie Hachenberger	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-47711147-down
What Summer Means to Me	Grades 2 nd -3 rd (incoming)	By the end of this camp, participants will be published authors! Campers will work together to develop their interpretation of summer. A hardcover copy of their creation will be provided to each camper. The cost of the camp will be \$15.	12:45-2:00 pm	Peru City Hall- Community Room	Tanya Hanck	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-47987863-what
The A, B, C's of Summer	Grades K-1 st (incoming)	By the end of this camp, participants will be published authors! Campers will work together to encompass the many elements of summer into their own masterpiece. A hardcover copy of their creation will be provided to each camper. The cost of the camp will be \$15.	2:15-3:30 pm	Peru City Hall- Community Room	Tanya Hanck	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-47987923-theab

Girls Basketball Middle School	Grades 5 th -8 th (incoming)	Grade appropriate basketball fundamentals and skills will be emphasized.	5:00-6:15 pm	Washington Park Basketball Courts (East of Splash Field)	Matt Guenther	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-48555218-girls
Boys Basketball Middle School	Grades 5 th -8 th (incoming)	Grade appropriate basketball fundamentals and skills will be emphasized.	6:30-7:45 pm	Washington Park Basketball Courts (East of Splash Field)	Matt Guenther	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-48555121-boys
Pickleball	Adults and Grades 7 th and up	Participants will learn about the sport of pickleball while practicing the fundamentals and skills within the game. If you have your own paddle, please bring it.	5:30-6:45 pm	Washington Park- New Pickleball Courts	Seth Brannan	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-48914466-pickleball

Week of June 17 - June 21

Camp	Participants	Description	Time	Location	Instructor	Sign Up
NCI ARTworks Emerging Artists Workshop- Middle School	Grades 6 th -12 th (incoming)	Hone your skills with the talented artists from NCI. With the theme, "Love Where You Live," each participant will create a canvas painting of the Illinois Valley. The cost of the camp will be \$15.	9:00-11:00 am	NCI ARTworks @ Westclox	NCI Instructors	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-48530425-nciartworks
Softball Grade School	Grades 2 nd -4 th (incoming)	Grade appropriate softball fundamentals and skills will be emphasized. Please bring your own glove.	9:00-10:15 am	McKinley Park- Softball Diamond	Lainie Schweickert	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-47988059-softball

Softball Middle School	Grades 5 th -8 th (incoming)	Grade appropriate softball fundamentals and skills will be emphasized. Please bring your own glove.	10:30-11:45 am	McKinley Park-Softball Diamond	Lainie Schweickert	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-47988099-softball
Intro to Golf <i>In Partnership with Oak Ridge</i>	Grades 5 th -8 th (incoming)	In this camp we will be covering the fundamentals of golf. Full swing, short game, and course etiquette will all be addressed. Please bring your own clubs if available. The cost of the camp will be \$25.	10:00-11:15 am	Oak Ridge Golf Course- Meet at the entrance to the pro shop	Nate Rodriguez	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-49010575-intro
Drumming to the Beat	Grades 3 rd -6 th (incoming)	Participants will learn the basics of drumming while infusing cultural rhythmic hand drumming. There will be a short performance at the end of the week.	12:30-1:45 pm	Peru City Hall-Lower Level	Amber Backus	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-47711033-drumming
Football Camp	Grades 4 th -8 th (incoming)	Participants will learn about the sport of football while practicing the fundamentals and skills within the game.	1:00-2:15 pm	Baker Lake-Meet at West Parking Lot	Kevin Keating	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-47711248-football
Metal Detecting (June 17th only)	Grades 4 th and up (adults are welcome to participate with their kids)	Participants will receive an introduction to metal detecting and have a chance to dig up some buried treasure.	3:00-4:30 pm	Centennial Park-Northwest shelter	John Marshall and the IVHRA	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-48531125-metal
Cheer Camp	Grades 1 st -5 th (incoming)	Participants will learn and practice cheers throughout the duration of camp. There will be a short performance at the end of the week.	5:00-6:15 pm	Centennial Park-Northwest Shelter	Madison Bara	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-48530617-cheer

Week of June 24 - June 28

Camp	Participants	Description	Time	Location	Instructor	Sign Up
Volleyball-Grade School	Grades 3 rd -5 th (incoming)	Grade appropriate volleyball fundamentals will be emphasized. Knee pads are not required but are recommended.	8:30-9:45 am	Northview School	Nicci Gibson	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-47711317-volleyball
Volleyball-Middle School	Grades 6 th -8 th (incoming)	Grade appropriate volleyball fundamentals will be emphasized. Knee pads are not required but are recommended.	10:00-11:15 am	Northview School	Nicci Gibson	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-47711387-volleyball
Ranger Camp	Grades 4 th -5 th	Get ready for hands-on lessons to better experience the outdoors. This camp will be an introduction to the tools, skills, and activities of outdoor recreation	9:00-10:15 am	Centennial Park-Northwest Shelter	Eric Bara	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-48530196-outdoor
Outdoor Skills	Grades 6 th -8 th (incoming)	Come join us, as we learn valuable skills to tackle the great outdoors. Topics include camping preparedness, knot tying, fire building and so much more.	10:30-11:45 am	Centennial Park-Northwest Shelter	Eric Bara	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-48530290-outdoor
Nature is Art	Grades 3 rd -5 th (incoming)	In this camp we will be using various items, collected from nature, to create unique artwork.	1:00-2:15 pm	Washington Park- West Shelter	Maggie Hachenberger	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-47711458-nature
Mermaid Camp	Grades K-2 nd (incoming)	Come explore the mysterious world of mermaids through games, projects, and stories.	2:30-3:45 pm	Washington Park- West Shelter	Maggie Hachenberger	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-47711515-mermaid

Week of July 8 - July 12

Camp	Participants	Description	Time	Location	Instructor	Sign Up
Cook with a Book	Grades 2 nd -4 th (incoming)	Participants will combine cooking with literacy in this tasty camp. Story themed cooking lessons! The cost of the camp will be \$20.	8:30- 9:45 am	Parkside School- Room 182 (please drop off at the west entrance of school)	Jennifer Znaniecki	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-47988374-cook
What's Cooking-Session 1	Grades 5 th -8 th (incoming)	Participants will receive hands on experience with measuring, mixing, and cooking. Yummy! The cost of the camp will be \$20.	10:00- 11:15 am	Parkside School- Room 182 (please drop off at the west entrance of school)	Jennifer Znaniecki	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-47988417-whats
What's Cooking-Session 2	Grades 5 th -8 th (incoming)	Participants will receive hands on experience with measuring, mixing, and cooking. Yummy! The cost of the camp will be \$20.	11:30 am- 12:45 pm	Parkside School- Room 182 (please drop off at the west entrance of school)	Jennifer Znaniecki	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-47988512-whats
Baseball Middle School	Grades 5 th -8 th (incoming)	Grade appropriate baseball fundamentals and game play will be utilized. Please bring your own glove.	1:00- 2:15 pm	Sunset Park- Baseball Diamond	Kevin Keating	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-47711586-baseball
Soccer Grade School	Grades 2 nd -4 th (incoming)	Grade appropriate soccer fundamentals and skills will be emphasized. Drills and fun mini games will also be implemented.	5:00- 6:15 pm	Baker Lake- Meet at West Parking Lot	Jason Depenbrock	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-47711650-soccer
Soccer Middle School	Grades 5 th -8 th (incoming)	Grade appropriate soccer fundamentals and skills will be emphasized. Drills and fun mini games will also be implemented.	6:30- 7:45 pm	Baker Lake- Meet at West Parking Lot	Jason Depenbrock	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-47711724-soccer

July 15- July 19

Camp	Participants	Description	Time	Location	Instructor	Sign Up
Saddle Up	Grades 5 th -8 th (incoming)	Participants will be engaged in horse riding, saddling, grooming, and care. The cost will be \$100 for Peru residents and \$150 for nonresidents. * Please arrive 15 minutes early the first day.	9:00- 10:30 am	Cedar Creek Ranch in Cedar Point, IL	Paul Williams	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-47711904-saddle Please sign and bring the following release. https://ccrstables.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Release_of_Liability.pdf
Sing Wiggle and Giggle	Grades K-3 rd (incoming)	Learn basic note reading skills, how to use your singing voice, and produce rhythmic movement patterns during this interactive and educational FUN!	11:00 am- 12:00 pm	Centennial Park-Southeast Shelter	Kori Suarez	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-48554901-sing
Baseball Grade School	Grades 2 nd -4 th (incoming)	Grade appropriate baseball fundamentals and skills will be emphasized. Please bring your own glove.	1:00- 2:15 pm	Sunset Park-Baseball Diamond	Kevin Keating	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-47711953-baseball
BB Gun Camp	Grades 4 th -8 th (incoming)	Participants will learn the fundamentals and safety procedures associated with marksmanship	3:00- 4:15 pm	Peru City Hall-Lower Level	Joe Michael and Peru BB Gun Club	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-48777100-bbguncamp
Rugby	Grades 3 rd -8 th (incoming)	Participants will learn about the sport of Rugby while practicing the fundamentals and skills within the game.	5:00- 6:15 pm	Baker Lake-Meet at West Parking Lot	Fran Baker	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-48872615-rugby

July 22- July 26

Camp	Participants	Description	Time	Location	Instructor	Sign Up
Paper Creation	Grades 3 rd -5 th (incoming)	Campers will create various 2-D and 3-D art works using cardboard and colored construction paper.	9:00- 10:15 am	Parkside School- Art Room (please drop off & pick up at the west entrance of school)	Tara Washkowiak	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-48634851-paper
Crazy Creatures	Grades 6 th -8 th (incoming)	Campers will use various recycled materials to create a 3-D creature from their own imagination.	10:30- 11:45 am	Parkside School- Art Room (please drop off & pick up at the west entrance of school)	Tara Washkowiak	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-48635104-crazy
Zoo Creations! (July 24th only)	Grades 1 st -6 th (incoming)	This camp provides a fun activity where you get to create a personalized toy and take it home. Please be sure to include your selected character # when signing up for this camp. The cost of the camp will be \$15.	11:15 am- 12:15 pm	Peru City Hall- Community Room	Kayla Guenther	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-48466061-zoo creations Choose a character # from the link below and record it on the sign up https://drive.google.com/file/d/1F4bb3OY731lZWDRhWWLnUG4tGEQwuygh/view?usp=sharing
Pretty Pretty Princess	Grades K-2 nd (incoming)	Participants will engage in princess themed crafts, songs, stories, and activities.	12:00- 1:00 pm	Peru City Hall- Community Room	Kayla Guenther	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-48466171-pretty

Messy Art	Grades 3 rd -5 th (incoming)	Create your own custom artwork while getting super messy! Participants should wear old clothes (that may be ruined).	2:00-3:15 pm	Washington Park- South Shelter	Kayla Guenther	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-48466238-messy
Girls Basketball Grade School	Grades 2 nd -4 th (incoming)	Grade appropriate basketball fundamentals and skills will be emphasized.	5:00-6:15 pm	Washington Park- Basketball Courts (East of Splash Field)	Matt Guenther	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-48873075-girls
Boys Basketball Grade School	Grades 2 nd -4 th (incoming)	Grade appropriate basketball fundamentals and skills will be emphasized.	6:30-7:45 pm	Washington Park- Basketball Courts (East of Splash Field)	Matt Guenther	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-48873208-boys

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you this summer!