

Summer Resource Guide 2019

Family guide to FREE or scholarship supported activities for kids



Great Expectations (GE) is a collaborative school and community initiative designed to close the educational and opportunity gap of an estimated 500 preschool and 1,600 K-12 children in our community from cradle to career. Its anchor partners are Interfaith Outreach and the Wayzata and Orono School Districts.

All activities on this guide are open to Orono and Wayzata School District residents and/or students unless otherwise noted.

Camp Fire Minnesota & Tanadoona

Ages: 5 - 17 year olds

Dates: Summer Camp: June 9 - Aug. 28

Camp Fire Minnesota is a nature-based youth organization empowering youth to find their spark through Out of School Time programs, Summer Camps, Field Trips, In-School programs and beyond. Camp Fire strives to be as inclusive as possible in its programming, but there are some limitations given camp property and staffing. If you have questions regarding special needs, adaptive activities, inclusivity, etc., please inquire at lauram@campfiremn.org or call 612-284-8261.

Website: <https://campfiremn.org/>

Scholarships: Partial & full scholarships available for summer camp. Discounts based on Free & Reduced Lunch Rate for Field Trips & In-School programs. Contact Laura McCauley at lauram@campfiremn.org or call 612-284-8261.

Cub Scouting in Northern Star Council

Ages: Boys and girls in grades K-5 can join the adventure of Cub Scouting

Dates: A year-round family program. Program levels are designed around grade levels. Youth advance to the next level toward the end of the school year.

For over a century, the Boy Scouts of America has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. New members are welcome year-round and no prior experience is required. Activities are used to achieve the aims of Scouting: citizenship training, character development and personal fitness. Cub Scouts serves as a great introduction to the world of the Boy Scouts of America.

Website: <http://adventureiscalling.org/>

Requirements for Participation: For kindergarten and 1st Grade programs, an adult partner is required to sign up and participate with youth members. Volunteer positions within the Dens and Packs are available for adults.

Scholarships: It is our goal to never turn away a young person because they cannot afford the membership fee. Contact Northern Star Council BSA at membership@northernstarbsa.org or call 763-231-7201.

Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys

Ages: Girls can join from kindergarten through high school



Dates: Year-round activities. Girls can register at any time and will be joined to a local troop as soon as possible. National member dues are \$25 annually and run from Oct. 1 (or the day you sign up) until Sept. 30 each year.

Girl Scouts of the USA is 2.6 million strong – 1.8 million girls and 800,000 adults who believe in the power of every G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)[™] to change the world. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. The Girl Scout Leadership Experience is a collection of engaging, challenging and fun activities like earning badges, going on awesome trips, selling cookies, exploring science, getting outdoors and doing community service projects.

Website: <https://beyourself.girlscoutsv.org/>

Requirements for Participation: Adults are always welcome to volunteer. Troops have required adult-to-girl ratios that must be adhered to during all troop activities.

Scholarships: Girl Scouts River Valleys is dedicated to extending opportunities to all girls – regardless of their finances. For help with paying membership fees and other expenses, see Financial Assistance at <https://www.girlscoutsv.org/en/girls-families/financial-assistance.html>. Contact Girl Scouts River Valleys Member Care Team at girlscouts@girlscoutsv.org or call 800-845-0787.

Hennepin County Libraries: Long Lake, Maple Plain, Plymouth, Wayzata and Westonka

Ages: All ages

Dates: Summer registration begins in May for programs; library open year-round

The Hennepin County Library offers thousands of FREE programs for all ages at our 41 locations. Check individual library websites for specific information: <https://www.hclib.org/about/locations>. For example, at the Plymouth Library, you can choose from art and science workshops, theater games, juggling, drumming and much more. Practice reading aloud to live animals. Join a book club. Solve a real-life mystery after hours. Build with more than 25,000 LEGOs. Offering 32 baby and family story times and a presentation by the Story Time Players. While all programs are FREE, many programs have limited space; registration begins the first week of May. All summer, kids have a chance to win a book to keep. And, look for opportunities to enter to win FREE tickets to the Minnesota State Fair or a Minnesota Twins baseball game. You can come in for books, magazines, DVDs, audiobooks, ebooks, computers, and FREE wifi anytime – more than 5 million items are available in the combined collection. Library cards are FREE!

Scholarships: All FREE

Mini-Hops Gymnastics

Ages: 18 months – 18 years old

Dates: June 10 – Aug. 24

Summer Instruction and camps that include Dance, Karate, Artistic and Rhythmic Gymnastics.

Website: <https://www.mini-hops.com>

Scholarships: Up to 75% tuition scholarship for classes only. Contact: Michaela Chelberg at michaela.chelberg@mini-hops.com or call 952-933-2452.

Minnetonka Center for the Arts' Summer Arts Camp

Ages: 5 – 15 years

Dates: June 1 – Aug. 23

66 years delivering visual arts education for all ages, interests and abilities. Children become part of our community, fostering their creative spirit and appreciation of the visual arts. Students are able to study in multiple disciplines: ceramics, drawing, fiber arts, jewelry, painting, photography, printmaking and more. Single day, week-long and AM or PM options are available.



Website: <http://www.minnetonkaarts.org/summer-arts-camp/>

Scholarships: Scholarships based on financial need are available for campers. Funds are limited, so please apply at least 14 days prior to the class start date. Contact: Nicole Buchholz at nbuchholz@minnetonkaarts.org or call 952-473-7361 x. 190.

North Shore Gymnastics

Ages: 16 months – 15 years

Dates: June 4 – Aug. 25

North Shore provides gymnastics instruction to kids ages 16 months to 15 years old in both boys and girls disciplines.

Website: <http://www.northshoregym.org/>

Scholarships: Assistance offered in form of a payment plan. Contact Deb Hertenberg at deb@northshoregym.org or call 763-479-3189.

North Shore Gymnastics – SONIC

Ages: 2 years old and up

Dates: June 4 – Aug. 25

Special needs fitness and movement program; for all students, including those with special needs

Website: <https://www.northshoregym.org/sonic>

Scholarships: Assistance offered in form of a payment plan. Contact: Deb Hertenberg, deb@northshoregym.org or call 763-479-3189

Ninja Zone

Ages: 3-15 years

Dates: June 3 – Aug. 24

The Ninja training program will combine military-style obstacle courses to develop strength and speed, gymnastics tumbling, and 'ninja' style moves just like what you would see in a video game or in the movies! The sport of Ninja is "To move uninterrupted through an environment or series of obstacles with fluidity, prowess, and stealth. To use combinations of skillful spins, rolls, flips, jumps, and kicks to elude an opponent."

Website: <http://www.northshoregym.org/ninjazone>

Scholarships: Assistance offered in the form of a payment plan. Contact Deb Hertenberg at deb@northshoregym.org or call 763-479-3189.

Orono Community Education (CE) Summer Program

Ages: Preschool through grade 12

Dates: June 10 – Aug. 30

Hundreds of classes available in summer academics, arts, sports, aquatics, special interest activities, camps and classes for youth. Transportation available June 18 – Aug. 3.

Website: <https://orono.ce.eleyo.com/>

Scholarships: Up to \$300 per student. Families complete a one-page scholarship form good for all CE programs. Orono students who qualify for free or reduced lunch are automatically eligible. Others may qualify for help based on special circumstances. Contact Melanie DeLuca at mdeluca@orono.k12.mn.us or Anita Goman at agoman@orono.k12.mn.us or call 952-449-8350.



Orono Pop In & Read

Ages: For all ages

Dates: Mindfulness Wednesday is on June 19, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and Totally Kickin' Wednesday is on Aug. 14. Both Wednesday activities are at the Discovery Center, 5050 Independence St. in Maple Plain; Community Meals are Thursday, July 25 and Thursday, Aug. 22 at Dexter Park in Long Lake from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Come to the reading tent this summer. Enjoy fun activities, story time, friends, special guests and free books. The year's events held at the Discovery Center are Mindfulness Wednesday where families can join in on parent/child yoga, story time and fun, and Totally Kickin' Wednesday for summer stories and soccer fun. Orono Community Ed is also hosting Community Meals in Dexter Park in Long Lake. **Free and open to all.**

Website: https://issuu.com/oronocommunityeducation/docs/summer_2019_brochure_pdf

Scholarships: Events are **FREE**

Orono Softball Association

Ages: PreK to grade 9

Dates: April - July

A softball program for players from PreK to 9th grade, April - July. <https://www.oronofastpitch.org/>

Scholarships: Financial assistance available to pay for registration fees and uniforms. Contact Andrea Tysdal at andrea.tysdal@jemtechnical.com or call 612-916-4056.

Plymouth Parks and Recreation Activities

Ages: All Ages

Dates: Summer programs run June - Aug.

Summer programs and camps including sports, education, fitness, aquatics, arts and more.

Website: <http://www.plymouthmn.gov/departments/parks-recreation-/recreation-activities/activities-guide>

REGISTER HERE: <https://plyregister.plymouthmn.gov/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/splash.html>

Scholarships: Scholarships available based on income levels and number of people in household. Tax returns used to verify information. Contact recreation@plymouthmn.gov or call 763-509-5200.

Sailing and Outdoor STEM Experiences

Ages: 5 - 85 years

Dates: June 12 - Aug. 24, high school only programming April, May, Sept., Oct.

Wayzata Community Sailing offers camps and teams the ability to utilize the sport of sailing to interact with the outdoors and the lake. Providing a point of access for anyone to enjoy the lake through the sport of sailing.

Scholarships: Scholarships available scaled depending on need. Awards up to 95% of a class fee. Loaner equipment to allow access (clothing, personal floatation device). <https://wayzatasailing.org>. Scholarship applications used to determine award, online at <https://wayzatasailing.org/scholarships/>. Contact Matthew Thompson at office@wayzatasailing.org or call 952-476-5875.

Three Rivers Park District Scholarship Program

Ages: All ages welcome

Dates: Enrollment is ongoing

Three Rivers offers program scholarships to qualifying individuals demonstrating need for financial assistance. Scholarships can be used for summer camps and other public programs. Please see



www.threeriversparks.org/page/wonder-fund for more information on the program and to apply. Transportation assistance may be available. Contact access@threeriversparks.org.

Scholarships: Any individual can request financial assistance to attend one public program offered by Three Rivers per year: <http://www.threeriversparks.org/page/wonder-fund>. Contact Rachel Johnson at access@threeriversparks.org or call 763-559-9000.

Tree Trust Young Adult Conservation Corps

Ages: 18 – 24 year olds are able to work 28 hours per week

Must be legally eligible to work in the United States and have proper work ID

Dates: 12-week work sessions: March-June, June-Sept., Sept.-Dec., and Dec.-March

Most recruitment occurs the month prior to a session start. There are no costs to participants. The beginning pay rate is \$9.65 per hour with immediate potential to earn weekly incentives. Limited transportation available from certain regional hubs.

Website: <http://treetrust.org/programs/employment-programs/young-adult-conservation-corps/>

Scholarships: Program is **FREE**

WELS (Wayzata Early Learning School) Summer Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

Ages: Ages 0 – 24 months

Dates: June 17, 24 and July 8, 15, 22, 29 from 9:30-11 a.m.

June 18, 25 and July 9, 16, 23, 30 from 9:30-11 a.m.

6-week ECFE class for parents and children.

Website: <https://www.wayzataschools.org/earlylearning>

Scholarships: District scholarships available. Contact Susan Bartels and Sandi Loxton at susan.bartels@wayzataschools.org or sandi.arndt@wayzataschools.org or call 763-745-5290.

WELS (Wayzata Early Learning School) Summer Park Play

Ages: Programming developed for ages 0-5, but older children invited to attend with families as well

Dates: June 17, 15 and Aug. 5; 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Families are invited to meet at Parkers Lake Park to participate in activities planned by Wayzata Early Learning School staff. <https://www.wayzataschools.org/earlylearning>

Scholarships: Activities are **FREE** for all families

YMCA Day Camp

Ages: 4 – 14 years

Dates: June 10 – Aug. 30

Day camp is a wonderful place for your child to experience fun outdoor adventures this summer. New and returning campers thrive during a week packed full of exciting, structured activities. They'll learn new skills and build self-esteem while practicing the YMCA's core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. Day Camp's Christmas Tree and Ihduhapi are the closest to this service area.

Transportation: Bus stops throughout the west metro. Locations listed on the website.

Website: <https://www.ymcamn.org/camps>

Scholarships: All YMCA programs are eligible for scholarships via our personal pricing plan (see website)

Contact Kit Swanson at kit.swanson@ymcamn.org or call 952-582-8242.

YMCA Get Summer

Ages: High School



Dates: June – August

FREE program for teens during the summer to access YMCA locations. Each YMCA offers enrichment opportunities and activities each week for teens.

Website: <https://www.ymcamn.org/getsummer>

Scholarships: This program is **FREE**.

Contact Kit Swanson, kit.swanson@ymcamn.org or call 952-582-8242

YMCA Overnight Camp

Ages: 7 – 16 years

Dates: Jun. 10 – Aug. 30

YMCA Overnight camp activities help boys and girls of all backgrounds and abilities build integrity, self-reliance and leadership. With a convenient location just 30 minutes from Minneapolis, Ihduhapi is a great option for first-time campers. Our progressive skill development, adventure programs and leadership development keep kids coming back, year after year.

Website: https://www.ymcamn.org/camps/ymca_overnight_camp

Scholarships: All YMCA programs are eligible for scholarships via our personal pricing plan available on our website: https://www.ymcamn.org/camps/camp_ihduhapi

Contact Emilee Wold at emilee.wold@ymcamn.org or call 952-403-4728.

YMCA Summer Power

Ages: 4 – 14 years

Dates: June 10 – Aug. 30

Summer Power is a flexible full-day enrichment program focused on quality, small group, age-appropriate activities. Kids stay active with two field trips per week, swimming and group games. Healthy living experiences provided by educating on healthy food choices and the right balance of physical activity. Kids engage in a variety of values-strengthening activities including core elements of science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM), and service projects.

Website: https://www.ymcamn.org/child_care_preschool/summer_programs/minnetonka

Scholarships: All YMCA programs are eligible for scholarships via our personal pricing plan available on our website.

Contact McKenzie Allard at mckenzie.allard@ymcamn.org or call 952-230-6661.

YMCA Summer Uproar

Ages: 4 – 14 years

Dates: June 10 – Aug. 30

Summer Uproar is a full-day, experience-based enrichment program that encourages kids to explore, increase understanding, build independence and, most importantly, have fun! Healthy Living experience provided for kids by educating about healthy food choices and the right balance of physical activity. Uproar brings a multitude of character development experiences to kids through community involvement, leadership activities, team building exercises, goal setting and more. Days are filled with field trips, outings to amusement and water parks, and fun group activities that exercise the body, challenge the mind, and nurture the spirit of our youth.

Website: https://www.ymcamn.org/child_care_preschool/summer_programs/minnetonka

Scholarships: All YMCA programs are eligible for scholarships via our personal pricing plan available on our website.

Contact McKenzie Allard at mckenzie.allard@ymcamn.org or call 952-230-6661.



YMCA Summer Sports

Ages: 6 – 14

Dates: June 10 – Aug. 30

Kids who participate in week-long Summer Sports at the YMCA discover so much more than their athletic abilities. They build character, develop self-confidence and create healthy relationships through positive competition. Participants will work daily on skill building and travel to other YMCA locations for Friday Play Days; this allows them to put their hard work into action. We encourage kids to bring their own specialized sports equipment (cleats, shin guards, glove, etc.), but all fundamental equipment will be provided by the YMCA. A wide variety of sports are offered for kids of all skill levels and abilities.

Transportation: If registered for before and after care at the Ridgedale YMCA, kids can ride a bus to the site. Otherwise it is drop-off only.

Scholarships: All YMCA programs are eligible for scholarship via our personal pricing plan on our website: https://www.ymcamn.org/child_care_preschool/summer_programs/minnetonka/summer_youth_sports

Contact Tommy Wasylik at tommy.wasylik@ymcamn.org or call 763-445-3646.

YMCA Teen Zone

Ages: 13 – 19 years

Dates: Year-round

Teen Zone is an evening program for teens at the Ridgedale YMCA. Teens do different program activities based upon feedback. They have a youth-led leadership group called Teen Advisory that helps oversee the program and plan each session. Teens also have the opportunity to go on field trips and volunteer in other YMCA programs to help support and give back. Teens need a membership to be a part of Teen Zone.

Requirements for Participation: YMCA membership is needed to participate in Teen Zone, but there is support to get a membership. Tyler Frederickson is the Membership Sales Director at the YMCA and can provide information on how to obtain a membership.

Scholarships: All YMCA programs are eligible for scholarships via our personal pricing plan available on our website. Contact Tyler Fredrickson at tyler.frederickson@ymcamn.org.

Community Education WISHES Youth Enrichment

Age: K – grade 8

Dates: June 12 – Aug. 2

Enrichment Camps Mon.-Thurs. or Mon.- Fri., 9 a.m.-noon and 1- 4 p.m. at Plymouth Creek Elementary.

Website: <https://www.wayzata.k12.mn.us/domain/1341>

Scholarships: Up to \$100 per person per year. Free and reduced lunch eligibility guidelines for scholarships. Contact Ann Bites at anne.bites@wayzataschools.org 763-745-5213.

West Suburban Summer School (WSSS)

Ages: Grades 2 – 12

Dates: Five weeks of classes (each class is one week long). You may sign up for any number of weeks.

Weeks include: June 17 – 21, June 24 – 28, July 8 – 12, July 15 – 19, and July 22 – 26.

WSSS, a program of Intermediate District 287's Gifted Education Services, serves gifted and talented students from member districts and beyond. Students from other districts are welcome to register at a higher fee. Instructors design classes in their area of expertise to provide gifted students with unique experiences to challenge their abilities.

Website: <https://www.district287.org/wsss>



Requirements for Participation: High potential students; students who are in their school district's gifted and talented program or have been accepted through the nomination process.

Scholarships: Scholarships up to 100% are available. Contact Leslie Hanson at lahanson@district287.org or call 763-550-7167.

Orono Baseball Association – Orono School District residents only

Ages: 4 – 15 years

Dates: Late April – Late June

The Orono Baseball Association (OBA) provides a volunteer-driven, in-house and traveling baseball program for children Pre-K through age 15 residing in the Orono school district or attending Orono schools. Our philosophy is to promote the growth and development of players in a fun, fair and safe environment that maximizes player participation and skill development at all levels.

Website: <http://www.oronobaseball.org>

Requirements for Participation: Participants must go to school or live in the Orono School District.

Scholarships: We currently offer scholarships based on individual inquiry. We do not have a set limit on the number that we offer. Contact OBA Treasurer at treasurer@oronobaseball.org.

Orono Career Connections – Orono School District students only

Ages: High school students; various dates for middle school students

Dates: Wednesdays, June 19 – Aug. 7

Get a head start on your future! Visit colleges, shadow career professionals and learn. **FREE** for registered students. To register, contact Genna Torney with the information provided below under scholarships.

Transportation: Bus stops in Maple Plain and Long Lake.

Requirements for Participation: Participants must go to school or live in the Orono School District.

Scholarships: Program is **FREE** for registered students. Contact Genna Torney at gtorney@oronok12.mn.us or call 952-449-8338 x6350.

WELS (Wayzata Early Learning School) Camp Peppermint Fence – Wayzata School District residents only

Ages: 2 – 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2018, but not yet in kindergarten

Dates: Session A: June 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27; Session B: July 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18; Session C: July 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and Aug. 1; all times are from 9 a.m. – noon. You may sign up for more than one session.

Summer preschool program for children.

Requirements to Participate: Participants must go to school or live in Wayzata School District.

Scholarships: Based on district school readiness and Think Small/Pathways I eligibility. Contact Susan Bartels at susan.bartels@wayzataschools.org or Sandi Loxton sandi.arndt@wayzataschools.org or call 763-745-5290.

Please Note: The information included in this guide is accurate to the best of Great Expectations' staff knowledge. Please refer to individual websites under each program description for detailed, up-to-date information. Thank you!

