



**2016 Fall/2017 Winter
Program Guide**



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Mission Statement

The Abilene Parks & Recreation Department has established a mission to preserve and manage public parks and recreation facilities and to create recreational, cultural, education and leisure activities to benefit and enhance the quality of life in this community.

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Facility Hours:

Monday - Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday - Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Walking in the Gym...

The Gym is open to the public for walking. A mile is equal to 10 1/2 times around the gym. Please be aware there may be children playing or other activities. We will post any scheduled event or activity that will close the gym to the public.

Age Requirements...

For all programs, unless otherwise noted, age requirements will be as of the date of the first class, session, or game. Please do not sign your child up for a class, session, or game in which he or she does not belong. Age requirements are set to benefit the child and make instruction more consistent for the instructor or coach. In some instances, the requirements have been set for the child's safety. **Thank You for your cooperation!**

Photos...

The Abilene Parks & Recreation Department staff takes photos and video of participants enrolled in our programs, classes, at events or on park property. These photos or videos may be used in our brochures, facebook, or other publications. If you do not wish to be in a video or have your photo taken, please tell our staff and or photographers.

Scholarship Program Available

We would like to thank the Jeffcoat Memorial Foundation for supplementing our scholarship program. Scholarships are available for youth needing financial assistance. Eligible participants must complete Scholarship Eligibility Waiver Form. Eligibility Requirements are:

Reduced Lunches: 25% off registration

Free Lunches: 50% off registration

To be informed of monthly activities of the Abilene Parks & Recreation Department check us out on

www.facebook.com/abileneparksandrecreation or abilenecityhall.com

Community Center Policies & Procedures

Refund Policy...

1. A full refund will be issued in the event of a class cancellation due to insufficient enrollment. We will make every effort to ensure that every participant is informed of the cancellation.
2. Refunds are available up to 72 hours prior to the first class meeting. A \$5.00 processing fee will be deducted. After the class has started or before the midway point, you will only be refunded 50% of the class cost. After the midway point, a refund will not be issued.
3. Prorated refunds due to illness are allowed if accompanied by a written physician's statement, provided the class session has not reached the halfway point. A \$5.00 processing fee will be deducted.
4. Waiting lists will be formed when classes have met the maximum number of participants. Every attempt will be made to accommodate participants.
5. Refunds are issued by check, from the City of Abilene. Please allow two - four weeks for processing. Your ActiveNet account can also be refunded to be used toward another activity.

Our Registration System...

To register online, go to the website www.apm.activecommunities.com/abilene. Once there you will have the option to sign in or register if you have not previously done so. Once signed in follow the link. This is also where you may change your password under personal account. If you encounter any problems please call Abilene Parks & Recreation and we will assist you.

Program Procedures...

Registration is based on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be made with one (1) check, money order or cash for the full amount. We accept major credit cards - Visa, Master Card, and Discover. You are not registered until payment has been received. Classes will have a minimum enrollment and if that has not been met 72 hours prior to the first class meeting, the class will be cancelled. *See Refund Policy.*

Youth Programs...

For announcements concerning programs or cancellations, listen to KABI 1560 AM, call the Abilene Parks & Recreation office, or check our facebook page, www.facebook.com/abileneparksandrecreation

Late fees...

We will apply late fees to all late sign-ups, if openings remain. Youth Activities and Sports will be charged a non-refundable \$5.00 late fee after the registration deadline. Adult Team Sports will be charged a non-refundable \$25.00 late fee after the registration deadline. Games will be forfeited until late fee is paid for all adult teams. Please sign up early.

Scholarships...

Scholarships are available for students who receive Free or Reduced lunches. Eligible participants must complete the Scholarship Eligibility Waiver Form. Scholarships will not be granted until all paperwork is complete.

Community Center Rentals

Multi-Purpose Room:	\$40 for the first 2 hours, \$10 each additional hour. (\$25.00 deposit) ***This room will accommodate approximately 150 people with tables and chairs. A refrigerator /freezer, stove, microwave and sink are available.
Commons Area/Lobby:	***This room will accommodate approximately 100 people***
Basketball Courts:	\$30 per hour per court Abilene Travel Teams: \$10 per hour per court ***We have two courts that can be separated by a curtain if needed.
Equipment available for rent in our facility:	HP Laptop - \$25 per day Wireless Sound System - No Charge
Set-Up/Tear Down Fee:	\$30 APRD staff to set up/tear down. No alcoholic beverages or tobacco are allowed in or on City of Abilene property. (Set up and clean up time must be included in reservation time)
To reserve facilities:	Contact Abilene Parks & Recreation Staff at (785)263-7266. Cancellations must be made 48 hours prior to reservation or deposit of \$25.00 will be forfeited.

Parent Code of Ethics

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports event.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will remember that the games are for youth - not adults.
- I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect, regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- I promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan, assisting with coaching, or providing transportation.
- I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach, and that the coach upholds the "Coaches Code of Ethic".
- I will read the National Standards for Youth Sports and do what I can, to help all youth sports organization implement and enforce them.

Youth Sports Program Policies

- All teams will be formed by the Abilene Parks & Recreation Department.
- A \$5/child late registration fee will be charged for all late registrations. Late registration will be accepted until teams are full. After teams are full, all late registrations will be put on a waiting list. Waiting list applicants will not be guaranteed placement. Late registration sign-ups may not request to be placed on a specific team.
- All youth must play in the appropriate age/grade division. Requests to be moved to another division will not be granted.
- Youth will be contacted by their coaches to when/where practices will be held, as well as game schedules.
- At least one coach from each team must certify through the National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA).
- Requests for three coaches to coach a team will not be allowed unless one of the coaches does not have a child participating in the program.
- Requests for youth to be placed on the same team as a friend or with a specific coach will be considered, but there are no guarantees.
- Our goal is to provide the opportunity for participating to all who enter, regardless of skill or ability level. We wish to provide youth with a fun learning experience and the opportunity to develop lifetime leisure skills.

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Preschool Activities

The Little Athlete series introduces children ages 3 - 6 to the basic skills of the sports. Our goal is to lead the children into a positive atmosphere where teamwork, sportsmanship, cooperation, and listening to instructions are emphasized. We encourage parents to participate with their child in these activities.

LITTLE ATHLETE DANCE - FALL

Dates: September 6 - 8 (Tuesday - Thursday)
Time: 5:30 - 6:10 p.m.
Fee: \$20.00
Ages: 3 to 6
Maximum Enrollment: 20
Location: Abilene Senior Center
Performance: AHS Football game, Friday, September 9
Registration Deadline: 1st Come, 1st Serve



LITTLE ATHLETE BASKETBALL - WINTER

Dates: December 12 - 15
Time: 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Fee: \$20.00
Ages: 3 to 6
Maximum Enrollment: 20
Location: Abilene Community Center
Registration Deadline: 1st Come, 1st Serve

LITTLE ATHLETE DANCE - WINTER

Dates: February 13 - 16
Time: 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Fee: \$20.00
Ages: 3 to 6
Maximum Enrollment: 20
Location: Abilene Senior Center
Performance: AHS Basketball game, February 17
Registration Deadline: 1st Come, 1st Serve

PRE-K 3 ON 3 SOCCER LEAGUE - FALL

Start Date: Saturday, September 10
Fee: \$30.00
Ages: 3 - 6
Location: Soccer Fields (North of Community Center)
Game Days: Saturday
Season: 8 Games
Registration Deadline: Friday, August 12

PRE-K 3 ON 3 SOCCER LEAGUE - SPRING

Start Date: Saturday, April 15
Fee: \$30.00
Ages: 3 - 6
Location: Soccer Fields (North of Community Center)
Game Days: Saturday
Season: 8 Games
Registration Deadline: Friday, March 10



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Dance

Jessica Polzella is Abilene Parks and Recreation Dance Instructor. Jessica was raised in Abilene and graduated from Abilene High School. Jessica holds a bachelors degree from Wichita State University and continued her dance teaching education in Toronto, Canada's National Ballet School. She then went on to study with the Royal Academy of Dance in London via telecourse. Jessica teaches a Royal Academy of Dance based program, which ensures that dancers are safe and the movement is developmentally age appropriate.

Monday (starting September 12)

Class	Time	Ages	Fee
Ballet 2	4:00 - 4:45 p.m.	10 years & up	\$45.00/month
Jazz	4:45 - 5:30 p.m.	13 years and up	\$45.00/month
Dance Basics 2	5:45 - 6:15 p.m.	6 - 7 years old	\$30.00/month
Dance Basics 1	6:15 - 6:45 p.m.	4 - 5 years old	\$30.00/month
Lyrical	7:00 - 7:45 p.m.	8 - 10 year old	\$45.00/month

Thursday (starting September 8)

Class	Time	Ages	Fee
Jr Dance Basics	3:30 - 4:00 p.m.	3 - 4 years old	\$30.00/month
Dance Basics 1	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	4 - 5 years old	\$30.00/month
Ballet 1	4:30 - 5:15 p.m.	8 - 10 years old	\$45.00/month

All dance classes will be held at the Abilene Community Center. There is a minimum of 5 students per class. Selected classes will be performing a *The Night of Christmas Magic*, December 3. June recital will be held in the Abilene High School auditorium. Camps are being planned with performances scheduled to kickoff Fair week.

Fitness

Monday

(September 12 - October 31) (November 7 - December 26) (January 9 - March 6)

Class	Time	Ages	Fee
Zumba	7:45 - 8:45 p.m.	18 years and up	\$50.00/8 week session

Thursday

(September 8 - October 27) (November 3 - December 29) (January 5 - February 23)

Class	Time	Ages	Fee
Barre Fitness	5:15- 6:15 p.m.	18 years and up	\$50.00/8 week session

There is a Drop-In Fee of \$5.00 per class for Barre Fitness, and Zumba.

All classes will be held at the Abilene Community Center. There is a minimum of 5 students per class.

Barre Fitness - Classes use a combination of postures inspired by ballet and other disciplines like yoga and pilates. The barre is used as a prop to balance while doing exercises that focus on isometric strength training (holding your body still while you contract a specific set of muscles) combined with high reps of small range-of-motion movements.

Zumba - Take the "work" out of workout, by mixing low-intensity moves for an interval style, calorie-burning dance fitness party.

Youth Sports & Activities

FALL 3 ON 3 SOCCER

Start Date: Saturday, September 10
Grades: K - 1st
Fee: \$30.00
Game Day: Saturday
Season: 8 Games
Location: Soccer Fields (North of Community Center)
Registration Deadline: Friday, August 12

FALL FLAG FOOTBALL

Start Date: Saturday, September 10
Grades: 2nd - 4th
Fee: \$30.00
Game Day: Saturday
Season: 8 Games
Location: Flag Football Fields
(West of Community Center)
Registration Deadline: Friday, August 12

JR COWGIRL CHEERLEADERS

Games Begin: September 10
Days: Saturday
Fee: \$50.00 (Includes Pom Poms and Cheer Uniform)
Grades: 2nd - 6th
Registration Deadline: Friday, August 12
Cheerleaders will cheer at home Jr Cowboy Tackle Football games.

SAFE SITTER BABYSITTING CLASS

Date: Monday, September 12 (No School)
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm (Bring a lunch)
Ages: 11 and up
Fee: \$45.00
Location: Abilene Community Center
This class teaches young adolescents to be safe and nurturing baby-sitters.

YOUTH FALL VOLLEYBALL

Start Date: Sunday, September 11
Grades: 2nd - 6th
Fee: \$30.00
Game Day: Sunday
Season: 8 Matches
Location: Abilene Community Center
Registration Deadline: Friday, August 12

PUNT, PASS & KICK

Date: Saturday, September 17
Ages: 6 - 15 years old (As of December 1, 2016)
Fee: Free
Registration Time: 1:00 p.m.
Start Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Abilene High School Football Field
Children are NOT allowed to wear cleats.

SLAM YOUTH BASKETBALL - CLINIC

Date: November 12, November 19,
December 10, December 17
Grades: K - 6th
Fee: \$30.00
Play Days: Saturday
Times: 4th - 6th Grade Boys & Girls
8:30 - 9:50 a.m.
2nd - 3rd Grade Boys & Girls
10:00 - 11:20 a.m.
K - 1st Grade Boys & Girls
11:30 a.m. - 12:50 p.m.
Location: Abilene Community Center
Registration Deadline: Friday, November 4
Basketball experience with clinics, games and competition for youth.

WADE BEEMER MEMORIAL HUNT

Plans are underway for the annual Wade Beemer Memorial Hunt sponsored by Dickinson County Pheasants Forever. Watch for this upcoming event this fall.

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YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE

Date: Saturday, November 19

Ages: 8 - 18

Set Up Time: 8:00 a.m.

Sale Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Fee: \$4.00 (Table and 2 Chairs)

Location: Abilene Community Center

Bring your items to sell to others to make room for more or just to make a couple of extra dollars.

This is a chance to purchase interesting items that you might not be able to purchase elsewhere. This is for children to sell to other Children and to have fun!

NEW

YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Game Dates: January 7 - February 25

Game Days: Saturdays

Grades: 2nd - 3rd, 4th - 6th

Fee: \$30.00

Registration Deadline: Friday, December 2

4th - 6th Grade will be 5 on 5

2nd - 3rd Grade will be 3 on 3

SPRING 3 ON 3 SOCCER

Start Date: Saturday, April 15

Grades: K - 6th

Fee: \$30.00

Game Day: Saturday

Season: 8 Games

Location: Soccer Fields (North of Community Center)

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 10

COWBOYS 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Date: Saturday, April 1

Start Time: 8:30 a.m.

Check In: 7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

Grades: 1st - 10th (Boys and Girls Divisions)

Fee: \$35.00 Per team

Late Registration Fee: \$40.00

Location: Abilene Community Center

Registration Deadline: March 24

Coaches will be contacted by email for game times. For more information or a list of rules contact Kellee Timbrook at (785) 263-7266.

COACH PITCH BASEBALL

Earliest Start Date: Tuesday, May 30

Ages: 6 - 8 As of May 1, 2016

Fee: \$30.00

Game Days: Tuesdays & Thursdays

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 7

MACHINE PITCH BASEBALL

Earliest Start Date: Tuesday, May 30

Ages: 7 - 8 As of May 1, 2016

Fee: \$30.00

Game Days: Tuesdays & Thursdays

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 7



DICKINSON COUNTY LEAGUE BASEBALL

Earliest Start Date: Tuesday, May 30

Mustangs: Ages 8 - 10 As of May 1, 2016

Broncos: Ages 11 - 13 As of May 1, 2016

Fee: \$40.00

Game Days: Tuesdays & Fridays

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 10

JR & SR HIGH BASEBALL

Earliest Start Date: Tuesday, May 30

Jr High: Ages 13 - 15 As of May 1, 2016

Sr High: Ages 16 - 18 As of May 1, 2016

Fee: \$200.00

Game Days: Various weekdays and weekends

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 10

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Adult Sports

FALL VOLLEYBALL

Coed Start Date: Tuesday, September 13
Team Fee: \$100.00
Age: 16 & Older
Location: Abilene Community Center
Season: 10 Games + Bill Gravette Memorial Tournament
Registration Deadline: Friday, September 2

PRE - WINTER VOLLEYBALL

Coed Start Date: Tuesday, November 8
Team Fee: \$75.00
Age: 16 & Older
Location: Abilene Community Center
Season: 10 Games
Registration Deadline: Friday, October 28

WINTER VOLLEYBALL

Coed Start Date: Tuesday, January 3
Team Fee: \$100.00
Age: 16 & Older
Location: Abilene Community Center
Season: 10 Games + Bill Gravette Memorial Tournament
Registration Deadline: Thursday, December 22

STRONG PEOPLE

Session 1 Dates: September 6- December 15
Session 2 Dates: January 3 - April 27
Days: Tuesday and Thursday
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Fee: \$20.00
Location: Abilene Community Center
Open Enrollment

TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

Day: Thursdays
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Location: Abilene Senior Center (100 N. Elm St)
No Registration Necessary
For more information contact George Taplin (785) 263-0577

SLOW PITCH COED MAT BALL

Start Date: Sunday, September 11
Team Fee: \$100.00
Age: 16 & Older
Location: Diamond #3 (Bill Gravette Sports Complex)
Season: 10 Games + Bill Gravette Memorial Tournament
Registration Deadline: Friday, September 2
Rules may be picked up at the Abilene Parks and Recreation Department at 1020 NW 8th St.
Bring your team out to play this fun game with a different spin on softball.

NEW

SPRING VOLLEYBALL

Coed Start Date: Tuesday, March 7
Team Fee: \$100.00
Age: 16 & Older
Location: Abilene Community Center
Season: 10 Games + Bill Gravette Memorial Tournament
Registration Deadline: Friday, February 24



PICKLEBALL

Days: Tuesdays
Time: 9:00 am
Fee: \$2.00 Drop-In Fee
Age: All Ages
Location: Abilene Community Center
Contact: Joe Sanfilippo (314) 609-7221
New or experienced players are welcome!
Stop by and see Pickleball in action and ask questions!

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Community Activities

CENTRAL KANSAS FREE FAIR

For ticket information, contact CKFF office at (785)263-4570 or visit their website at www.ckff.net

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
August 3 (Wed)	Bulls and Broncs
August 4 (Thurs)	CKFF Parade (Starts at 4:00 pm at 7th & Buckeye)
August 4 (Thurs)	PRCA Rodeo
August 5 (Friday)	PRCA Rodeo
August 6 (Sat)	PRCA Rodeo
August 7 (Sun)	Team Derby
August 8 (Mon)	Derby & Figure 8
August 3 - 7 (Weds -Sun)	Carnival (Great Plains Amusement)

HUNTER SAFETY

Fee: Free

Call the Abilene Parks & Recreation office at (785)263-7266 to sign up for these classes.

State of Kansas law: Ages 16 & older must carry a Hunter Safety License to hunt in Kansas. Ages 11 - 15 can take the course to be certified, but not required to carry a hunting license (10 & under cannot be certified).

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Saturday, August 20	7:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 21	12:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 8	7:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 9	7:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: Abilene Community Center

SECOND ANNUAL TALKING TOMBSTONES

Date: Saturday, October 29

Location: Abilene Cemetery

Fee: Tickets are \$5.00 per person

Times: Tours scheduled 6:30, 7:00, 7:30 and 8:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Dickinson County Historical Society

To purchase tickets or for more information, contact the Dickinson County Historical Society located at 412 S.Campbell St, Abilene or call (785) 263-2681

SNOW BUILDING CONTEST

Date: November 1 - March 31

Age: All ages

Fee: Free

Build your best snow creation, take a picture of it and email the photo to aprd@abilenecityhall.com We will post them on our Facebook page for all to see! There will be prizes awarded. All entries should consist of a photograph of the snow creation and must have at least one of the builders in the photo for scale.

To enter: Send, drop off or email a picture of your snowman or snow sculpture to Director at Abilene Parks & Recreation or 1020 NW 8th St, Abilene, KS 67410 or email aprd@abilenecityhall.com Be sure to include name, mailing address, phone number and age with your submission. All photos received will also be considered for future Abilene Parks & Recreation Program Guide covers. All photos submitted will be published online.

ABILENE CLEAN-UP WEEK

Date: September 19 - 23

For more information call Public Works Department (785) 263-3510.

JAZZERCISE

<u>Days</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monday, Wednesday, Friday	5:45 - 6:45 a.m.
Tuesday, Thursday	4:45 - 5:45 p.m.

Monthly Fee: \$40.00 (1 Time Joining fee additional)

Location: Abilene Community Center

Jazzercise is a pulse-pounding, beat pumping fitness program that gets you results ...fast! Currently there are 2 class formats - Dance Mixx and Fusion, both will keep you coming back for more. Mention you saw us here and get 30% off your joining fee.

For more information call (785) 512-9064.

TAE KWON DO

Days: Tuesday & Thursday

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
6:45 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$35.00/month for 1 member
\$70.00/month for 2 family members
\$75.00/month for 3 family members

Ages: 4 & Older

Location: Abilene Community Center

This class develops self-defense, physical conditioning, and self-discipline. If you are interested, please call Mark & Jeanie Cameron (785) 479-0539 or (785) 479-0544

TABLE TENNIS LESSONS

Days: Tuesdays

Time: Based on Registrations

Fee: \$10.00 per month

Age: 5th Grade - Adults

Location: Abilene Senior Center Center (100 N Elm St)

Instructor: George Taplin Internationally Trained Instructor

Annual Halloweenie Spooktacular

Friday, October 21
Abilene Community Center

This evening's activities will be held at the Abilene Community Center, 1020 NW 8th Street.

Come one, come all dressed in your Halloween costume (or not) and join in the fun. Events will include the annual costume contest, hay rack rides, pumpkin painting, free hotdogs and hot chocolate, and of course, the Great Pumpkin Hunt. This will be an evening that you will not want to miss.

HAY RACK RIDES

WEATHER PERMITTING

Enjoy a lovely autumn hay rack ride

Start Time: 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

The first ride will start at 6:00 p.m. and the last ride will conclude approximately 7:15 p.m. We will be operating two hay racks again this year.

Ages: Open to all ages

HOT DOGS & HOT CHOCOLATE

Hot chocolate and hot dogs until gone.

Start Time: 6:30 p.m.

Hotdogs will be cooked by the
Abilene Noon Lion's Club

OTHER ACTIVITIES

There will be stations for pumpkin painting, sand art, pluck a duck, and Halloween texture game.

Start Time: 6:00 p.m.

Ages: Open to all ages

COSTUME CONTEST

Costume contest for people of all ages. Costumes must be self-contained. Connections to electrical sockets will not be available. Keep it fun and G-Rated. There will be awards for best costumes for children and adults!

Start Time: 7:15 p.m.

Ages: Open to all ages

GREAT PUMPKIN HUNT

Bring a flashlight to find goodies after dark in the ballfield's just east of the Abilene Community Center. If inclement weather hunt will be held inside Abilene Community Center.

Start Time: following the completion of the costume contest approximately 7:30 p.m.

Ages: Pre-K - 3rd Grade



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December Events

LETTERS TO SANTA

Would you like to get a letter from Santa? Santa has asked us to remind you to be sure and include your complete name, address, and teacher's name in your letter and envelope. Drop off boxes will be located at Kennedy School, City Hall, and the Community Center. Drop off Deadline is December 9

NIGHT OF CHRISTMAS MAGIC

Date: Saturday, December 3
Time: 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Location: Abilene Civic Center (201 NW 2nd St)
Join us at the Depot for a Night of Christmas Magic. A jolly night for horse drawn trolley rides, cane lane, Santa, and the Mayor's Tree Lighting. The APRD Dancers will also be performing. For more information and complete schedule call (785)263-2231.

CITY OF ABILENE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

Date: Saturday, December 3
Starting Time: 5:30 p.m.
Theme: A Cowtown Christmas
To enter your organization, group, float, vehicle, horses, etc please contact Angie at Abilene Parks & Recreation (785) 263-7266.
We will be giving out monetary prizes this year for best themed entries.
We will be lining up at the Abilene Swimming Pool once again this year and making our way to the Abilene Civic Center. We will leave the Abilene Swimming Pool and head south to NW 3rd St, then east to N. Spruce St, turning west on NW 2nd St to the front of the Civic Center.

ABILENE HOMES FOR THE HOLIDAY

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Times</u>
Saturday, December 3	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Sunday, December 4	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Tickets: Just \$10.00
Heritage Homes Association of Abilene presents "Homes for the Holidays" a treat for everyone to enjoy. Each home is unique and charming in its own way and decorated delightfully for the holiday. Purchase tickets at the Historic Union Pacific Depot, 201 NW 2nd St. or at The Heritage Center, 412 S. Campbell St. No tickets will be available at the homes. For more information about the Holiday Homes Tour, please call the Abilene Convention & Visitor Bureau (800) 569-5915 or (785) 263-2231.

SANTA TRAIN RIDE

Date: Saturday, December 10
Depart Time: 1:00 p.m.
Ticket Price: \$10.00 (All Ages)
Location: Abilene Smoky Valley Train Depot
200 S.E. 5th St., Abilene
Buy your tickets early! Seats are limited. The Abilene Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a holiday train ride with the Abilene Smoky Valley Railroad Association. Santa always enjoys the ride with everyone. He also enjoys seeing old and new faces. The train ride is approximately 45 minutes long. It travels from the historic Abilene Depot to one mile west of Enterprise and back. The passengers will ride in the enclosed heated car with Santa. Ms. Cheryl from the Abilene Children's Library will be aboard. Santa will be available to listen to your Christmas wish list and you may have your picture taken with him. **You must pre-register for this train ride. There will be no tickets sold the day of the train ride! No exceptions!**
You may register online www.activenet.active.com/abilene or call (785) 263-7266.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION

Drop off Date: Thursday, December 16
Friday, December 17
Time: Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday, 8:00 a.m. - Noon
Judging: Friday, December 17
Judging Starts at 3:00 pm
Winners will be announced upon completion of judging.
Adult Division: Individual adult, age 18 & up
Teen Division: Individual teen, age 13 - 17
Child Division: Individual child, up to age 12
Group: Business or 2 - 5 individuals
Join us for our 6th Annual Gingerbread House Competition. Whether you have been planning since last year, or just for a day, this contest is open to anyone. The gingerbread creations will be on display until December 22, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Date: Saturday, December 17
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Ages: All ages
Location: Abilene Community Center
Ticket Cost: \$8.00 per person 2 and under are free
Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, and drink. There will be a coloring and craft table, storytime, and of course your chance to visit with Santa Claus.

NEW

Before & After School Program

“Achievement Begins with Caring” (K-8th)

The Abilene Before & After School Program, Achievement Begins with Caring (ABC) mission is to provide services to children in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade with a safe environment while enhancing student’s academic, social, cultural, and recreational needs.

Elementary (K-5th) 785-200-6643

Abilene Middle School (6th -8th) 785-263-1471

After School Times: K-5th: Monday through Friday after school to 5:30 p.m.

(Special note - The Kennedy students will be bused to Eisenhower after 4:45 to continue their learning. Any child left at Kennedy after 4:45 will be transported unless we have knowledge of a pick up before 5:00.)

6th - 8th: Monday through Friday: after school to 5:30 p.m. Student will need to be picked up at the Community Center. No cross town busing will be provided. On Fridays student will join the after school program at Eisenhower Elementary.

After School K-5th Fee: \$5.00 per day (\$25.00 per week) \$3.00 per day for reduced lunches and \$2.00 per day for free lunches.

6th - 8th After School Fees: \$1.00 per day the program is open (\$5.00 per week). An additional \$1.00 charge for snack. Snacks are optional.

Before School Time: Monday - Friday: 5:00 a.m. Location: Eisenhower Elementary
Student will be transported to their school at 7:30 a.m.

The Before School Program Fee: Price will vary according to drop off time. \$3.00 - \$5.00.

For scholarship information, visit the ABC Program Directors.

Limit: No Limit for elementary students and 40 Abilene Middle School students.

Enrollment: Enroll students at the regularly scheduled school enrollment dates in August. (There will be an assessed \$15.00 registration fee per family (K-8th) at time of registration)

Homework Completion: Students will have the opportunity to complete their homework with help from the After School staff.

Physical Activity: Students will have the opportunity to participate in physical activity after school with the Abilene Parks and Recreation partnership.

Community Service: Giving back to the community is an important piece of the program. Students have the opportunity to become involved in community activities.

Learning Opportunities: Students will be introduced to new learning opportunities from our community partners.

Abilene Virtual School (7th - 12th)

Abilene Virtual School will offer a rigorous online curriculum for the core academic classes including, English, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Students will have access to highly qualified teachers when help is needed. In addition, a Service Learning component will be offered that will help students connect with the community. The enrollment process will include an enrollment form as well as an interview including the potential student, their parents, High School Principal, and Counselor. Please contact Brian Roth, AVS Program Director, (785) 263-2630 for more information. If accepted to AVS, a computer will be issued to the student for completion of the course. Fees include a \$40.00 insurance cost of the computer.



DickinsonParentsConnect.org

the local hub for parents with little ones

Dickinson Parents Connect join parents, community agencies, health care and childcare providers to foster healthy social and emotional development for young children. A project administered by the Quality of Life Coalition in Abilene and funded by the United Methodist Health Ministries Fund of Kansas.



Community Events

DICKINSON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Arts Council has many events, art instruction, and exhibits happening throughout the year. Watch for upcoming events in the Abilene Reflector Chronicle, "Like" us on Facebook, or visit our website at www.artsCouncil.org.

Pop Art - Tweens and teens spend 3 hours enjoying kid friendly beverages and social time while making a masterpiece of their own, and will bring home a ready-to-display piece of art. Fee: \$15.00

Canvas & Cocktails - This activity is for adults, and they will spend 3 hours creating display and brag worthy art, while enjoying cocktails and socializing. Fee: \$20.00 members/\$25.00 nonmembers.

Barn Quilt Class - A barn quilt is a wooden quilt design painted, and suitable for display indoors and outdoors. They can be seen in downtown Abilene and Chapman on the exterior of the buildings. Participants will choose a design for a barn quilt from a catalog of hundreds of designs, and complete it in one evening. (Fee and Date TBA October)

Violin Instruction - Suzuki Method Instructor Carolyn Graves will have violin instruction as a Fall Session, Winter Session, and Spring Session. Carolyn has instructed hundreds of students to learn to play the violin. Ages 3 to 103 can sign up. A recital will conclude the lessons, and leave the student with options beyond the Arts Council for private lessons. Fee: \$110.00 and includes the instruction book, supplies, and borrowing of the violin.

Dickinson County Stage - This is an annual showcase of the talent that is in Dickinson County. If you are someone who is interested in performing, or would like to watch you neighbor perform on stage, this is an enjoyable way to spend an evening. Small Admission Fee.

Annual Christmas Holiday Brunch - A great tradition to kick off the holiday season. Join us for a holiday brunch, accompanied by musicians and singers performing Christmas tunes.

A Night of Christmas Magic - Stop by the conference room on 203 N Cedar Street for a free make and take ornament. December 3.

Winter Film Series - Beginning in January on Sundays, we will show a free movie and free popcorn, followed by discussion. We will show movies for 6 Sundays.

Valentine's Day Entertainment - This event will be announced, and is always a nice event to celebrate on Valentine's Day.

Annual Photography Contest and Exhibit - A popular contest and exhibit. Watch for themes, rules, and categories. Free to enter, maximum number of entries person: 3.

IMPACT THE CURE

Date: Saturday, October 1

Location: Impact Sports & Fitness
418 N. Broadway, Abilene
5K/2mile fun walk

Register at Impact Sports and Fitness

Impact the Cure, a breast cancer fundraiser that raises funds to provide free mammography services for uninsured in Dickinson County, will be held October 1 at Impact Sports & Fitness, 418 N. Broadway, Abilene. The 5K Run is on a certified course. Awards presented to male and female 5K winners in each age group. Walkers will enjoy a noncompetitive 2-Mile Fun Walk. Fun for all ages with a FREE photo booth. FREE Kids Races, FREE pancakes, Bouncy House, Face Painting, and more. Pre-registration fee is \$20. Day-of-event registration starts at 7:00 a.m. and is \$25. Registration includes t-shirt. Event starts at 8:00 a.m. For more information call Impact Sports and Fitness at 785-263-3888.

Breast Cancer Fundraiser • October 1

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• FREE Pancakes • Fun For All Ages • Proceeds provide free mammography services**

General Public Transportation

Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Trip Fees: Round Trip \$3.00 - One Way \$2.00

(785)263-7266



The City of Abilene primarily provides demand-response transportation as well as curb to curbside service. The City of Abilene has ten holidays each year, Public Transportation will not operate on these scheduled holidays. Please check with the Abilene Parks and Recreation office for the holiday calendar.

Riders will be charged an additional \$1.00 per stop. Riders should have correct amount of money because the driver does not carry cash to make change.

A \$15.00 punch card is available for purchase, this includes 5 (five) round trips.

A \$10.00 punch card is available for purchase, this includes 5 (five) one way trips.

Scheduling Rides

All rides should be scheduled 24 hours in advance and can be scheduled daily, weekly, or monthly. Rides should be cancelled 24 hours in advance. For more information or to schedule, call the Abilene Parks & Recreation office at (785) 263-7266.

Responsibilities of Riders

Individuals choosing to use City of Abilene General Public Transportation will adhere to the following:

1. No smoking, drinking, or eating is allowed on the vehicle.
2. Passengers must be seated with seat belts fastened at all times.
3. In order to ensure the safety of all passengers, individuals shall not engage in activities such as fighting, hitting, throwing objects, foul language, etc.
4. Engaging in such activities may result in limiting the individual's usage of the General Public Transportation Van. The immediate decision will be left to the discretion of the driver.
5. Riders with medical conditions and those using wheelchairs must provide someone to assist them.

Senior Center

Senior Site Manager - Karla Riekeman

100 N Elm St. (785) 263-7059

Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Lunches are served to adults (60+) Fee: \$3.50 or by donation - Under 60 \$5.25

Senior Center rental rates: \$35.00 - up to 2 hours \$10.00 each add'l hour

Everyday Activities
Monday - Friday
Wii & Billiards - 8:00 a.m. Coffee - 8:00 a.m.
Cards - 10:00 a.m.
Dominos, Puzzles & Use of Computer All Day

Tuesday
Hearing Health
1st Tuesday of the month 9:00 am
Brookdale Blood Pressure 9:00 am
2nd Tuesday
Pool Tournament
every other Tuesday
12:45 p.m. Fee: \$1.00
Doll Club 3rd Tuesday 1:00 pm

Thursday
Pool Tournament
every other Thursday
8:45 a.m. Fee: \$1.00
Foot Care
1st Thursday of month
263-4179 for appt.
Foot Care \$15.00 Donation
Bingo 2nd Tuesday at 1:00 pm
Birthdays and Bingo 4th Tuesday at 2:00 pm

Friday
Donuts & Coffee
10:00 a.m. Fee: Donation
Bible Study - 10:30 a.m.
Pitch - 1:00 p.m.
Alzheimers Support Group
3:00 - 4:00 pm 2nd Friday

Activities are held at the Abilene Senior Center Monday through Friday, please contact (785) 263-7059 for more information on any activities.

Abilene Public Library



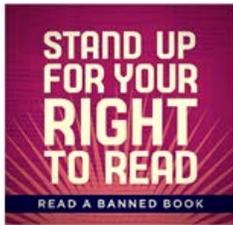
Brown Bag Specials

Bring your lunch and watch a documentary on a wide variety of interesting topics. Every Tuesday at noon from September 20th thru November 15th 2016

Cookies and Coloring

Coloring Program for Grown-ups

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Thursday, September 1 & 15
Thursday, October 6 & 20
Thursday, November 3 & 17
Thursday, December 1 & 15



Banned Books Week

Sept. 25-Oct. 1 2015

Children & Teens Programs

Fall: September 6 through December 10
Spring: January 17-April 15

Wee Read Story Times: Starting at 10:15 a.m.
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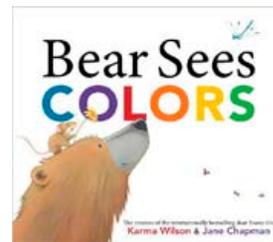
November 5 & 19

Watch for event announcements on Facebook.

Kansas Reads to Preschoolers

Celebrated November 13-19

This year's featured book will be *Bear Sees Colors* by Karma Wilson. Watch for special event announcements on Facebook.



Christmas Open House

Saturday, December 3

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Refreshments

Crafts, Games, & Movie

Hours: Monday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Tuesday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Wednesday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Thursday 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Trails, Rails & Tales: Spirit of the Chisholm Trail

September 2 - 4, 2016

Celebrate the beginning of the Chisholm Trail with family-fun activities and live entertainment!

Friday Events:

8 pm Historic 1860s Street Dance @ Heritage Center

8 pm Texas Hold 'Em tournament @ Heritage Center

Saturday Events:

7 am - 10 am Chuckwagon Breakfast

8 am - 4 pm Chisholm Trail Classic Auto Show on Texas Street

10 am Saddle Up, Let's Ride Parade with Longhorns

11 am Gates opens

11 am - 4 pm Historic performances, tin-type photographers, photos with Howdy the Longhorn, Kids Buckaroo Camp, gun show fights, and more!

2 pm & 4 pm "Rose of Texas Street" Melodrama

4 pm Diamond W. Wranglers performs

5 pm Western Music Association-KS Chapter performs

6 pm Longhorns loaded onto train

7 pm Dennis Rogers Spirit Dancer (American Indian Powwow)

8 pm Red Steagall, cowboy entertainer

9:30 pm Fireworks show

Sunday Events:

8 am - 10 am Chuckwagaon Breakfast

9 am Longhorns loaded onto train

10 am Cowboy Church Service

11 am - 4 pm Gates opens; historic performances, cowboy poetry, gun show fights, and more!

1 pm "Rose of Texas Street" Melodrama



Trails, Rails & Tales

Parks & Facilities

EISENHOWER PARK

The main entrance is located at Northwest 4th and Pine Street. This park was developed as a W.P.A.. Project and was entered in the National Register of Historic Place on June 6, 2002. It contains the following sports facilities: Bill Gravette Softball Complex, Ted Power Baseball Diamond, the Skate Park, lighted sand volleyball, tennis, and basketball courts. The public rest rooms are open from late March to late October, weather dependent. This lovely shaded park is ideal for large picnics, reunions, or special events. Check out stunning pictures and share your stories. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Eisenhower-Park-Rose-Garden-in-Abilene-KS/482666348482113>

ROSE GARDEN

Located in Eisenhower Park. Stop and smell the roses during the spring and summer or enjoy the wonderful array of autumn colors in the fall. The Rose Garden is a relaxing atmosphere for anyone. Persons who are interested in requesting the use of the Rose Garden for special occasions or weddings should call the Parks and Recreation office. This is a first-come, first-serve basis. For lost and found items please contact the Parks & Recreation office.

BICENTENNIAL PARK

Located north of the Abilene High School on Mulberry Street. This quiet park is great for all family reunions and birthday parties. It consists of picnic tables, basketball courts, playground equipment, and rest room facilities. Two shelter houses are available for your enjoyment. Thanks to the Kiwanis for their hard work on making this park better for the whole community.

LITTLE IKE PARK

Located at the corner of Northwest 3rd and Spruce St. Visit the statue of IKE, as a boy. Enjoy the shade trees, picnic tables, and benches in the heart of downtown Historic Abilene.

POCKET PARK

Located across from Kennedy Elementary School. Playground equipment is available.

NORTH BALL COMPLEX (DIAMONDS #1 & #2)

Located east of the Community Center, these two fields are home to youth baseball, softball, tournaments.

BILL GRAVETTE SPORTS COMPLEX (DIAMONDS #3, #4, #5, & #6)

Located south of the Community Center, the complex contains four fields used for youth baseball and softball programs and various youth tournaments. Fields #3 and #4 are home to the Abilene High School softball team.

TED POWER FIELD (DIAMOND #7)

Located on the west side of Eisenhower Park. Ted Power Field is home to the Abilene Baseball Club and Abilene High School baseball team.

WALKING TRAIL

Opened in the Fall of 2007 with grants received from Solomon State Bank, The Sunflower Foundation and the Community Foundation of Dickinson County. This walking trail measures 5/8 of a mile and resides within Eisenhower Park and the Rose Garden.

ABILENE COMMUNITY CENTER

Located at 1020 N.W. 8th St. Volleyball and basketball courts and an indoor walking area are available. The Community Center and multi-purpose room are available for rent. Contact the Parks and Recreation Office for more information.

ABILENE MUNICIPAL POOL

Located on the east side of Eisenhower Park. The renovation of the bath house and pool with water features was completed May 2009.

The Abilene Parks & Recreation Department would like to thank the following sponsors for their hard work and generous donations that help to make our community successful.

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