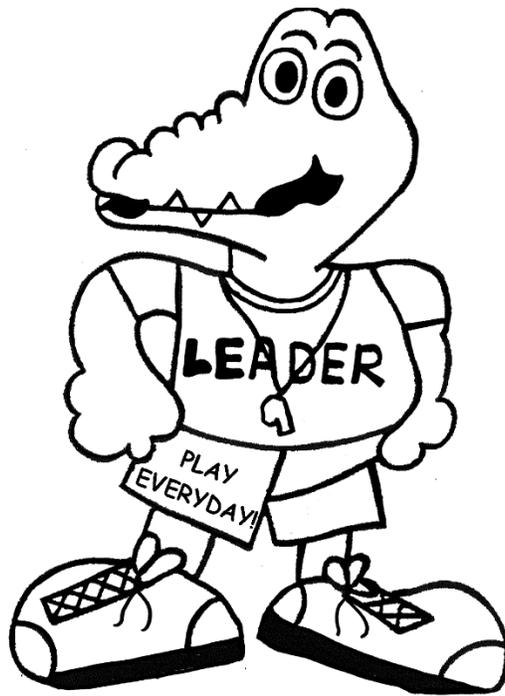


City of Racine

PLAYGROUND PROGRAMS



2026
PARENT HANDBOOK

Registered Playgrounds

We would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone participating in the Playground Program this summer. We anticipate many exciting and rewarding experiences. We hope everyone will have an enjoyable time.

The City of Racine Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) Department's Kiddie Korner, Future, Play It Again and BIGS programs are nine-week, theme-oriented playgrounds. Our program offers safe and active learning opportunities that encourages teamwork, friendship and a SUMMER FILLED WITH FUN!

Each playground site is programmed and facilitated by at least two (2) college student playground leaders, which provide recreational activities, special events and organized games. PRCS Staff Supervisors will stop by each of the locations daily.

KIDDIE KORNER – Ages 4, 5 & 6

Humble Park (AM/PM)	Mon - Thurs
Lockwood Park (AM/PM)	8:45 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1:45 to 4:30 p.m.

FUTURE – Grades 1, 2 & 3

Humble Park (AM/PM)	Mon - Thurs
Lockwood Park (AM/PM)	8:30 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

PLAY IT AGAIN – Grades 4 & 5

Humble Park (AM/PM)	Mon - Thurs
Lockwood Park (AM/PM)	8:30 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

BIGS – Grades 6, 7 & 8

Humble Park (AM/PM)	Mon - Thurs
Lockwood Park (AM/PM)	8:30 to 11:30 a.m. OR 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

If your child is signed up for more than one session, there will be NO supervision between sessions.

CANCELLATION: Twenty percent (20%) of fee, as well as the t-shirt fee, will be retained in case of cancellation before the Thursday prior to start of program.

NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED AFTER JUNE 12, 2026!

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I communicate with Playgrounds?

We encourage open communication with parents. If you have a concern, discuss it with your child's playground leaders at the park. You may also email Jeanne Brenner, Program Director at Jeanne.Brenner@cityofracine.org, or call 262-636-9146.

How do I get information?

Information will be provided through PRCS Facebook page and weekly emails. Urgent information will be provided through phone calls directly to the parents. Parents should confirm their cell phone numbers and email addresses with the playground leaders.

www.facebook.com/RPRCS

How are drop off and pick up handled?

Playground leaders are required to be at their playground locations at the start of the session.

They are not responsible for participants until the session start time.

Morning start time: 8:30 a.m. Afternoon start time: 1:30 p.m. (Kiddie Korner 8:45 a.m. & 1:45 p.m.)

What about the weather?

We will make every effort to keep the program available, rain or shine.

However, if there is severe weather, including lightening, thunderstorms, or heat advisories, we may decide to cancel. If severe weather occurs DURING the program, leaders will get your child to a shelter and keep them safe until they are picked up. Parents will be notified by phone and by the PRCS Facebook page.

Please dress your child appropriately for the weather.

What do I send with my child?

Water bottles: It is very important that participants stay hydrated throughout the day.

Please have your child bring a labeled water bottle with them each day.

All items should be labeled with the child's full name.

What should my child wear?

Please dress your child in comfortable athletic clothing that may get dirty or wet.

Athletic shoes should be worn daily. NO FLIP FLOPS or SANDALS.

Sunscreen should be applied to participants prior to drop off.

How can I contact my child?

If there is an emergency, please call **Jeanne Brenner at 262-636-9416** or the **PRCS office at 262-636-9131**.

What if my child is injured?

All playground leaders will be trained in basic first aid. If a child requires more than just basic first aid, parents will be contacted, and if needed, paramedics will be called.

What about food?

Parents are expected to provide snacks. Check with your leaders for the snack sign-up list on, or near, your bulletin board. A snack will be given at mid-day break.

Please notify us if your child has any food allergies. We will make every attempt to keep those items away from your child. Please provide the playground leaders with alternative snacks for your child in the event that someone brings a snack they are unable to have.

Are photos taken?

Yes. Please refer to our photo policy waiver on the registration form.

Attendance

Be aware of the start and end times of your child's playground program.

There will be **NO** supervision before or after the established program times.

Parents are required to sign their child in/out with a playground leader every day.

If your child will miss an extended period, please inquire about necessary permission slips, etc. that you may miss during your child's time away.

If there is a specific person, or persons, who should not pick up your child from a playground, please notify your leader.

BIGS Only:

If your child is walking to and/or from a playground site on any day, please fill out the self-release permission slip and give it to their leader.

Participants who ride bikes to the playgrounds are required to walk their bikes on playground property. Playground leaders are not responsible for lost or stolen bikes. Make sure that your child has a good bicycle lock and that they know how to use it properly.

Field Trips

Field Trips may have an additional fee depending on fieldtrip.

Your child will be given a t-shirt during registration, we highly suggest they wear them on field trip days.

Parent may be required to drop off and pick up their child at sites other than the assigned playground site.
The drop off/pick up sites will be stated on the permission slips.

PERMISSION SLIPS

All field trips will require a permission slip signed by the parent/guardian.

Deadlines for returning permission slips will be printed on the field trip flyer.

A child may NOT participate in a field trip without a signed permission slip.

Fees for field trips should be submitted to Playground Leaders in a sealed envelope with exact cash.

The child's name should be printed on the front.

CASH ONLY. NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED.

When field trips are scheduled there will be **NO SUPERVISION** at the playground site.

Notice of field trips will be posted at the playground shelter.

Thank you!

Thank you for signing up for the City of Racine's Playground Program. We cannot wait to spend the summer with your child! If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact Jeanne Brenner at 262-636-9416 or Jeanne.brenner@cityofracine.org.

Weekly Themes

*All dates, sites, and activities subject to change.

WEEK	DATES	PLAYGROUND	THEME	EVENTS
1	June 15-18	Kiddie Korner Future Play It Again The BIGS	Giddy Up Gators	Opening Parties
2	June 22-25	Kiddie Korner Future Play It Again The BIGS	Flicks and Friends	Movie
3	June 29- July 2	Kiddie Korner Future Play It Again The BIGS	Red, White, and Boom	Doll buggy parades
4	July 6-9	Kiddie Korner ----- Future - 7th Play It Again - 8th The BIGS - 10th	Aqua Adventures	Water week ----- SC Johnson Water park
5	July 13-16	Kiddie Korner ----- Future Play It Again The BIGS	Zoo-tiful Day ----- Rock and Roll	Racine zoo ----- Roller Rink
6	July 20-23	Kiddie Korner ----- Future Play It Again The BIGS	Popcorn Party & Cartoon Magic ----- Alley-oops	Sips, Snacks & Showtime ----- Bowling
7	July 27-30	Kiddie Korner Future ----- Play It Again The BIGS	Playground Pride	Olympics
8	Aug 3-6	Kiddie Korner ----- Future Play It Again The BIGS	Head Over Heals ----- Lake me to the beach	Gymnastics Center ----- North Beach
9	Aug 10-13	Kiddie Korner Future Play It Again The BIGS	Bummer Bummer End of Summer	Goodbye Parties