



# Pony Bird

## The Leisure Times Activity Registration

June 2026

### 2026 Summer Vacation

Our vacation offer this year is a St. Louis Cardinals road trip to Cincinnati, with stops in Louisville and Lexington, KY. See the flyer attached for details on this trip. If you think a trip with Leisure Services sounds like fun, send in your deposit now to reserve a spot!

### BASEBALL & HORSE COUNTRY GREAT AMERICAN PASTIMES

- St. Louis Cardinals vs Cincinnati Reds
- Cincinnati, OH
- Louisville, KY
- Lexington, KY



**Last Chance!!  
Sign up soon!**

Leisure Services  
Community Network Program



**NEW!**  
FRIENDS  
FUN  
COMMUNITY

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### Summer Sports Starting up in June

#### CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS

Main Line:	636-282-1414
	636-933-3764
Direct Lines	
Terri Dallas	636-282-1419
Donna Cooper	636-282-1411
Information Line	636-282-1422
After Hours	314-210-8760

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### UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Connect with Friends...  
That's What We Do!



Pickleball Practice Begins  
Monday, June 1st  
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Softball Practice Begins  
Wednesday, June 17th  
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St. Louis Cardinals Game  
Sunday, June 7th  
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Tennis Practice Begins  
Thursday, June 18th  
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Bocce Ice Cream Social  
Wednesday, June 10th  
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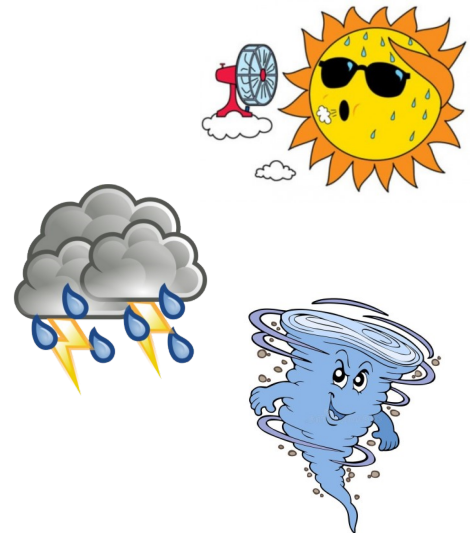
Museum Of Illusions  
Saturday, June 20th  
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## Inclement Weather Alert Procedure

Leisure activities that are scheduled when severe weather conditions are predicted may need to be cancelled or postponed. Our staff will monitor weather reports closely if serious weather conditions are likely to interfere with a scheduled activity as well as the safe travel to or from the activity. As soon as a decision can confidently be made regarding cancellation or postponement, an effort will be made to contact all enrolled participants and/or their caregiver/guardian by using the following:

- **Leisure Information Line 636-282-1422**
- **Email—check your inbox and spam/junk folder**
- **Text Messages—messages can now be sent from our new Ring Central phone server. You may receive texts from 636-282-1414 or 636-282-1419. These are our Leisure Services office extensions. You may also send text messages to these contact numbers.**
- **Most importantly, check your texts and emails before heading out the door if conditions are questionable.**

## Summer weather alerts to watch for...



## Volunteers are what make it work. Reward Yourself!

*" I am only one, but still I can do something." --Helen Keller*

*Pony Bird is continuously seeking caring individuals who are interested in working with people with developmental disabilities. The success of our services relies heavily on the dedication of our staff, as well as volunteers and community support. We invite you to be part of this success as a volunteer. Help others better their lives. Your reward is their gratitude. It's a great feeling!*

Volunteers need to be at least 18 years old and have the desire to work with individuals of all abilities. Volunteers do not need to be experts or professionals in the field of developmental disabilities. Enthusiasm and the desire to work with others is all that is necessary. New volunteers must complete an application. For the safety of our participants, a criminal records check and background screening is completed on all applicants. We seek to match each volunteer with a position that meets his or her interest.

**For more information on eligibility and volunteer opportunities, please contact:**

**Terri Dallas**  
**Leisure Services Program Manager**  
**Phone: 636-282-1414**  
**tmdallas@ponybird.org**

### Volunteer Opportunities Currently Available

**COACHES** needed for sports listed below:

Flag Football	July through mid-October
Softball	June through mid-October

**UNIFIED PARTNERS** needed for sports below:

Pickleball	June through mid-August
Softball	June through mid-October
Tennis	June through mid-October
Bocce	July through mid-October
Flag Football	August through mid-October

**VOLUNTEERS** to help at monthly events on a PRN basis

No experience required for any volunteer positions. Training & mentoring is provided. Coaches are required to complete online registration and online training through Special Olympics Missouri with direction from Leisure Services .

## TRANSPORTATION

Developmental Disability Advocates (formerly JCDDRDB) enables JC Transit services to be available for a limited number of Leisure Services activities for a minimal cost to participants. Seats are limited so call at the time of registration for activities.

### JC Transit Phone Number

636-933-9380

You must register separately for Leisure activities and JC Transit reservations. See instructions on the registration form.

### Activities with JC Transit Service



### Movie Nite Events—Friday, June 12th

Please note: OATS vans may be used as a back-up to the JC Transit vans

### Leisure Services Transportation

#### Pick-Up Points

High Ridge - Farm and Home  
Hwy 30 & Little Brennan

Herculaneum - Pony Bird building  
1615 Vine School Rd

Arnold - Lot to the side of McDonalds  
Hwy 141 & I-55



Look for the van icon to indicate that JC Transit services are available or look for pick-up times at pick-up points under the description of the activity. We reserve the right to cancel or change pick-up points when necessary. A minimum of 3 riders is required to guarantee a pick-up site.

## Special Events

The fee for Special Events should accompany the registration form to guarantee reservation.

### St. Louis Cardinal's Game

**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLOAME, TAKE ME OUT TO THE CROWD!**

**Baseball is back. Our beloved Cardinal's will take on the Cincinnati Reds . Let's go cheer on our new younger team. Win or lose, we always have a great time at the ballpark. Make sure you register early because our games usually fill up fast.**



DATE: Sunday June 7th  
TIME: Herky 11:00 am Arnold 11:30 am  
FEE: \$55.00 + money for lunch  
**CASHLESS VENUE**  
**CREDIT OR DEBIT CARDS ONLY**

### Bocce Night—Open Court Ice Cream Social

**For old and new players, come try out the game and enjoy a cold snack! Practice season begins in July so now is the time to polish your skills and get excited for some friendly competition next month. Family and friends are welcome to join us too. They may want to enjoy the game as a Unified Partner and get in on the fun for a summer evening weekly social.**



DATE : Wednesday, June 10th  
TIME: 6:00—8:30 p.m.  
FEE: No Charge  
WHERE: Pony Bird Bocce Courts  
1615 Vine School Rd, Herculaneum

### Museum Of Illusions

**Get ready to be mesmerized at the Museum of Illusions. The captivating rooms will play tricks on your mind! Learn the difference between what you see and what you think you see. We will engage in astonishing and mind-bending installations that will shock our senses and puzzle our perceptions. Experience the unbelievable! We will stop for a fast food lunch on the way home.**



DATE : Saturday June 20th  
TIME: Herky 9:30 Arnold 10:00  
FEE: - \$40.00 plus money for lunch ( approx. \$20.00 )

# Monthly Social Activities

## MOVIE NITE

Come see it at the movies! Enjoy a night out with our group of movie buffs. Anyone is welcome. At this time, we are limiting our groups to 15 people so you will want to sign up soon.

**DATE:** Friday, June 12th  
**TIME:** Meet at theater at 6:00 pm  
**PLACE:** Arnold and Festus Theaters  
**FEE:** \$20.00 (movie pass included)

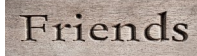
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## DINNER CLUB

### TWISTED TAVERN

Twisted Tavern is a restaurant that our group has not tried yet. Their menu looks delicious. Come join your friends for some great food and companionship. We always have a good time. You can't go wrong with food and friends.



#### HERKY/ARNOLD

**Date:** June 9th  
**Time:** Herky pick-up 5:15 pm  
Arnold -5:45  
**Fee :** \$12.00 +money for dinner

#### HERKY/ARNOLD

**Date:** June 16th  
**Time:** Herky pick-up 5:15 pm  
Arnold -5:45  
**Fee :** \$12.00 +money for dinner

#### BARNHART/HIGH RIDGE

**Date:** June 23rd  
**Time:** Herky 5:00 pm Barnhart. 5:15 pm  
High Ridge 5:45 pm  
**Fee:** \$12.00 plus money for dinner



Based on recent price increases, we recommend you bring \$25.00 to cover dinner/drinks and tip.

## SATURDAY BOWL

**Quonset Lanes**  
**2004 Turman Blvd**  
**Crystal City, MO 63019**

We will see you back on the lanes in September. Watch for a special Cosmic Bowl in July.



# Fun With Friends



# SPORTS

## UNIFIED SPORTS

Unified Sports are designed to bring together equal numbers of athletes with and without intellectual disabilities on the same playing field. Special Olympics Unified® Sports could include bocce, bowling, basketball, flag football, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, and volleyball. Unified opportunities are offered through Pony Bird Leisure Services. We currently have over 20 Unified Partners in our program and growing. Contact Terri Dallas for more information. Make it fun for the whole family! Our current need is Unified pickleball and softball players for the 2026 season. If you are interested in joining our teams, contact us now.

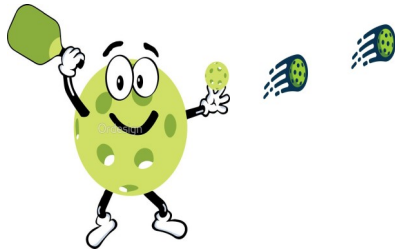


## 2026 Special Olympics State Summer Games

20 athletes are heading for Kirksville, MO for Special Olympics State competitions in track and swimming. We have 8 competing in swimming and 9 competing in track. Truman State University is the host of these games and provide us with a warm welcome and open hearts from their staff, students and community members. Last year was our first time traveling to Kirksville and we all look forward to returning again. Good luck to all. A very special thank you goes out to our volunteer coaches and chaperons for this trip. We could not do this without them.



## NEXT UP...



SAVE THE DATE

2026 Bocce Season begins  
Monday, July 13th  
Pony Bird Bocce Courts



## 2026 Summer Sports Line-up

As we quickly finish up Spring sports, it's time to prepare for our summer sports seasons. At this time, we are taking registrations for Softball, Tennis & Pickleball. Look for bocce registration in July's newsletter. We are looking for Flag Football coaches before we can offer this sport. All sports can be adapted to suit different levels of abilities. You don't have to be an experienced player. Please sign up on this month's activity registration form. It's important that you pre-register for these sports, as our enrollment is growing. We need to know the numbers participating to work out accommodations. Keep in mind that our rosters can fill up, so early registration will ensure you a spot on the team for competitions. Area tournaments for these sports begin in July, with State games set for October 16th—18th.



### Pickleball

#### 2026 Practice Schedule

High Ridge Civic Center  
or  
Jokerst Memorial Park in Festus  
Mondays 6:00—7:30 p.m.  
June 1st—July 13th

### Softball

#### 2026 Practice Schedule

Sunset Park—Fields #2 & #3  
Festus MO  
Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
June 17th—August 12th  
Reconvene in September for State  
tournament preparation.

### Tennis

#### 2026 Practice Schedule

Windsor High School  
Thursdays 7:00—8:15 pm  
June 18th - August 13th  
Reconvene in September for State  
tournament preparation.



A \$25.00 fee is charged for each sport to be paid at time of registration. All sports offer Special Olympics competitions but competing is optional. A current Special Olympics registration is required for competition. Contact our office for instructions on registration.

We always welcome new volunteers to work with our athletes as a coach or an assistant. Contact our office if you are interested.

## Leisure Services Community Network Program



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### PROGRAM IMPACT

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### PROGRAM DESIGN

The participant and family members meet to discuss interests and set goals for direction of the service. Once goals are established, a Leisure Services employee will take the individual into the community once a week and explore options, with introduction to different leisure experiences; movie theaters, libraries, local recreation venues, community recreation through YMCA/park programs, church/senior programs, and more. We will provide support in a small group setting of 4 or less to encourage socialization and develop peer connection. They will make friends, have fun and connect with their community.

### WHO QUALIFIES FOR THIS SERVICE?

- Individuals 16 years and older
  - Enrolled in the Leisure Services program
  - Must qualify for Medicaid waiver funding
  - Able to meet once a week for this service—transportation is provided
- Individuals in a Group Home, ISL, or Shared Living may not receive this service due to funding restriction.

### IF INTERESTED...

Contact Pony Bird Leisure Services  
636-282-1414  
leisure@ponybird.org  
Terri Dallas—Program Manager  
Donna Cooper—Activity Supervisor

## REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Below is the procedure we recommend you use to successfully register for Leisure Services activities.

1. Look over the newsletter and complete the registration form. Please avoid calling in your reservations.
  - You may print registration form and return by mail with your check to cover fees ( please note in memo of check “Leisure Services Activities”)
  - You may email your registration to [leisure@ponybird.org](mailto:leisure@ponybird.org) and send check by mail to cover fees (please note in memo of check “Leisure Services Activities”)
2. Please make checks payable to Pony Bird, Inc. and mail to Pony Bird , 1615 Vine School Rd, Herculaneum, MO 63048.
3. You will need to contact JC *Transit* to request a ride to activities indicating this service. Contact JC Transit at 933-9380. Remember that there are limited slots for transportation so set up you ride as soon as possible. You will also have the option to meet our group at pick-up points or event locations.
4. It is important that you cancel a reservation for any activity you are unable to attend, both with Leisure Services and JC Transit. A 24 hour cancellation notice is required to be considered for a refund of your activity fee, however, refunds cannot be guaranteed upon cancellation.
5. In case of INCLEMENT WEATHER, you may call our *Event Information Line* at 636-282-1422 or 933-3422 to check the status of an activity before heading out the door. All cancellations will be determined by 3:00 p.m. the day of the event. Sign up for *Remind Text Alert* for instant messages, instructions on page 3.

### REGISTRATION FORM

You must register for all activities in advance. If you are not registered, you may be sent home due to staff/participant ratio.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Nearest pick-up point: \_\_\_\_\_

Register for E-News Leisure Times. E-mail 1 \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail 2 \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RATE OUR SERVICE (circle your score with 5 being the best)

1   2   3   4   5

Suggestions/Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Please send registration form with payment to  
**Pony Bird, Inc.**  
 1615 Vine School Road  
 Herculaneum MO 63048

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Annual Membership Fee**                      \$20.00  
 Covers July 1—June 30th of the fiscal year.

A \$25.00 sports training fee covers incidental costs for training and competitions for each sport.

**MONTHLY EVENTS**

Advance payment for monthly activity is welcome but not required.

- Dinner Club Fest/Arn— June 9th                      \$12.00
- Dinner Club Fest/Arn— June 16th                      \$12.00
- Dinner Club Barn/H.R – June 23rd                      \$12.00
- Movie Night- Arnold / June 12th                      \$20.00
- Movie Night– Festus / June 12th                      \$20.00

**Spring Sports**

- Pickleball—Begins June 1st                      \$25.00 sports fee  
                     \_\_\_ High Ridge                      \_\_\_ Festus
- Softball—Begins June 17th                      \$25.00 sports fee
- Tennis—Begins June 18th                      \$25.00 sports fee

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

Advance payment for special events is required.

- Cardinals Game—June 7th                      \$55.00  
    Plus credit/debit card lunch
- Bocce/Ice-cream Social —June 10th                      no charge
- Museum Of Illusions —June 20th                      \$40.00 +  
    money for lunch  
    (about \$20.00)
- Cardinal Road Trip                      \$1050.00  
    \$200.00 deposit required at time of registration.

Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers and in-kind donations of facilities, our sports training fee is minimal. Through our program, you have the opportunity to practice your sport with the guidance of our trained coaches and to compete in Special Olympics local, area, and state competitions. Athletes wishing to compete in Special Olympics at the State level will be charged an assessment fee. You may also be charged an additional transportation fee to offset the cost of rental/charters. Assessments will be collected from interested athletes once qualification is determined. Financial assistance for our sports programs is available upon request from the Dick Bennett Memorial Fund. Awards of funds are based on individual need.



## Pony Bird, Inc.

1615 Vine School Rd  
Herculaneum ,MO 63048

### Leisure Services office location

3655 Baptist Park Rd  
Festus , MO 63028

Phone: 636-282-1414

Phone: 636-933-3764

Information Line:

636-282-1422

or 933-3422

Email:

leisure@ponybird.org

emergency contact

314-210-8760

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### Dick Bennett Memorial Fund

If you are in need of financial assistance to attend Leisure activities, scholarship money is available through the Dick Bennett Memorial Fund. Dick was a long time director for our agency and attended many of our Leisure trips as a chaperon, enjoying the events as much as our participants. Memorial funds have been set up to help others experience that same joy. Your request will be kept confidential and the amount of assistance will be based on individual needs. Funds can be used to pay activity fees, transportation fees, or both

To keep this fund viable, continued contributions may be made, including memorials for loved ones. Please make checks to Pony Bird, Inc and note that it is for the Dick Bennett Memorial Fund. Thank you for your continued support.



### Summer Travel Opportunities



**Cardinal Road Trip &  
Kentucky Horse Country  
August 15th—18th**

**BASEBALL & HORSE COUNTRY...**

**GREAT AMERICAN PASTIMES**

See the attached. flyer



**2026 Trout Lodge  
Potosi, MO  
August 29th & 30th**

Enjoy the outdoors with boating, zip lines, horseback riding, archery, crafts and hayride. There is so much to do in a short time but we get it all in and have a blast. See the attached flyer.

