MCPRA NEWSLETTER

Madison County Parks and Recreation

all sports are winding down. Leaves are falling from the trees. Fields are closing for repairs. We are entering our "recovery" phase here at Hoover Ridge.

It's also a time when we reflect on the past year and plan for the next season. Last fall, we were hopeful for a return to play once spring came around. This fall, we are honoring our many, many volunteers who keep our organization running.

Youth Sports

Our Youth Sports programs are led by volunteers who take on specific roles



within their organization. They coordinate leagues, set up registration, order equipment, train officials, referees and coaches, schedule practices and games, run concessions, and this year, manage the burden COVID-19 has placed on our programs.

Unfortunately, with a year off sports, many coaches, commissioners, and board members decided to leave youth sports behind. By 2022, Baseball, Cheerleading, Soccer, Softball, and Wrestling will have all new leadership, with some in place already this year.

We here at Madison Parks and Recreation are thankful for all of the hard work our coaches, commissioners, and volunteers have provided our community over the years. Without you all, our programs would not exist! Thank you all for your MANY years of service!

That being said, we are also so very fortunate to have new faces joining our team! We have spent this year transitioning new people into leadership roles in our Youth Sports programs and look to start 2022 better than ever!

Artwalk at Hoover Ridge

We have replaced our wonderful StoryWalk® this year with our brand new ArtWalk! The inner loop of the Clore will Trails now showcase artwork done by Madison students in our



public schools and in our homeschool population.

Each month, the art will be replaced with new pieces provided by MCPS art teachers Jennifer Junto (MCHS), Anna Mann (WMS), Katie Gigliotti (WYES), Danielle Nutter (MPS) and homeschool submissions. For more information on our ArtWalk project, visit our website at www.hooverridge.com.

It has been wonderful bringing back so many of our programs, sports and events. We are grateful for your support and look forward to a new year!

UPCOMING EVENTS

www.hooverridge.com for more information

Harvest Hustle 5K

November 20, 9:00 AM

Make room for the turkey and mashed potatoes! MCHS Student Council Association is hosting the Harvest Hustle 5K fundraiser at Hoover Ridge Park! The cost is \$5 for MCPS students and faculty and \$10 for all others. T-shirts will be on sale for \$15. Proceeds support SCA events.

Artwalk

November 3-November 30

NEW!! We are excited to introduce our new ArtWalk in the Clore Trails at Hoover Ridge Park! Each month, we will feature new artwork from our Madison students. The trail is .25 miles through the woods. The Artwalk for 2021-2022 is sponsored by Cindy Reed, Realtor Montague Miller & Co.

S'mores with Santa Holiday Light Show

December 11, 5:00 PM

Santa Claus is coming to town! This family favorite returns in December with a story by Santa himself and our immersible light show! We're bringing new music and more lights for our holiday sing -a-long night of fun! Bring chairs and blankets and bundle up!!

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Important Dates

OCTOBER

- 1 Winter Sports Registration Opens
- 23 Movies in the Park—HalloweenFest, The Addams Family
- 30 Haunted Woods of Hoover Ridge

NOVEMBER

- 3 ArtWalk—November Edition
- 15 Winter Sports Registration Closes
- 20 Harvest Hustle 5K

DECEMBER

- 1 ArtWalk—December Edition
- 11 S'mores with Santa Holiday Light Show

JANUARY 2022

- 1 ArtWalk—January Edition
- 15 Spring Sports Registration Opens







WINTER PROGRAMS

Winter sports registration is OPEN!

BASKETBALL

GRADES: Pre-K-7th

COST: \$45

BASKETBALL CHEERLEADING

GRADES: K-7 COST: \$75

ROLLER HOCKEY

GRADES: K-12 **COST:** \$50-\$145

SOCCER CLINIC

AGES: 8-17 **COST**: \$80

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

AGES: 10-15 **COST:** \$50

WOMEN'S INDOOR VOLLEYBALL

AGES: 15+

COST: \$50/person

MEN'S BASKETBALL—PICK-UP

AGES: 18+

COST: \$50/person

Registration

All of our registrations are now online in our new Active Camp and Class Manager. Please go to www.hooverridge.com to register. Winter team sports registration (for Youth Sports) will open October 1 and close November 15. Some clinics and adult programs will close after November 15. Please check the website for additional details.





We ♥ Our Coaches!

Youth sports coaches can influence and impact young athletes well beyond the game. Whether on the court, in the gym, on the field, or in the rink, the results are the same. Young athletes can be taught what leadership looks like, how to build relationships with adults and teammates, how to communicate, and behave and carry themselves during times of adversity.

We are grateful for ALL of the coaches who volunteer their time to mentor our youth!