## **YOUTH SPORTS**

### **REGISTRATION: YOUTH WINTER BASKETBALL 2024-25**

From October 1st through 31st, the Lansing Parks & Recreation Department will accept registration for youths enrolled in grades one through six for the 2024-2025 Youth Winter Basketball Program. Registration can be completed at the Parks & Recreation Department office on the north side of the Lansing Activity Center, 108 S. 2nd Street in Lansing, from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Registration is also available online at www.lansingks.org/parksrec. Look for "YOUTH SPORTS REGISTRATION - REGISTER NOW".

Practices can be twice a week on weekday evenings, starting this December. Games are on Saturdays Beginning after the holiday break in January and will continue through mid-March.

Calling All Volunteer Coaches: Apply During Registration!

The participation fee is \$50 per registrant for Lansing residents. Nonresidents are welcome to register, but an increased registration fee of \$60 will apply. The registration fee includes a jersey and is due at the time of registration. Late registrations may not be accepted! If late registrations are permitted, an additional, non-refundable fee of \$10 per participant will be assessed.

Qualifying individuals can receive financial assistance. To learn more about eligibility and to access the Scholarship Program information flyer and application, please visit the Parks & Recreation Department page on the City of Lansing's website. All scholarship requests must be received by 4:30 PM, Monday, October 21st, 2024.

Refunds for this program will NOT be offered after the uniform and equipment order is placed on November 22nd, 2024. A cancelation fee of \$5 will be applied to all registration refunds. Nonresident fees are non-refundable.

All card transactions, whether online or in person, are subject to processing fees and are non-refundable.

Special Requests: At the time of registration, a parent/guardian may make a "special request" on the participant's registration form. These requests will be accommodated in the order in which the registrations are received (on a first-come, first-served basis). While requests will be considered, WE CANNOT GUARANTEE that they will be granted. LATE REGISTRATION: Special requests are NOT considered if late registration is allowed.

## LANSING ACTIVITY CENTER

### **OPEN GYM: FALL HOURS**

Fall hours will continue into December and change when our Youth Winter Basketball Program begins. PLEASE SEE OUR CALENDAR FOR SPECIAL HOURS OR EARLY CLOSURES. The calendar of Open Gym Hours is updated monthly on our website and Facebook page.

**Open Gym hours may change without notice** - Stay connected
with us on Facebook at Lansing KS
Parks & Recreation for the latest
updates or alterations.

Monday - Thursday: 3:00 PM - 8:30 PM Friday: 3:00 AM - 4:30 PM

### **OPEN GYM INFORMATION:**

Open Gym is a program for youth and adults provided by the City of Lansing for Lansing School District 469 residents. **An Open Gym pass will be required for use** – All new participants must register at the Parks & Recreation office and pay a one-time fee of \$5 for a pass.

Proof of residency is required at registration. Participants under 18 must have a parent/guardian register them. Participants 12 and under must be supervised by someone aged 16 or older.

# Please see our Open Gym Policy for more information:

www.lansingks.org/parksrec/page/open-gym

## MORE FROM PARKS & RECREATION

# THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEER COACHES!

To all of our Volunteer Coaches, past, present, & future, we cannot thank you enough for giving us your most valuable asset - your time - to our community. Your dedication as a volunteer coach is an inspiration to others. Thank you from the Lansing Parks & Recreation Team.

"A good coach can change a game. A great coach can change a life.

- John Wooden.

# LANSING TREE BOARD at LANSING FALL FESTIVAL

The Lansing Tree Board will be at the Lansing Fall Festival this year. They will have a variety of trees and shrubs to give away while supplies last. The event will take place on October 19th, 2024, from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM along Angel Falls Trail located next to St. Francis de Sales Church, 900 Ida St., Lansing, KS 66043. Overflow parking will be available at Lansing Elementary School, along with a shuttle bus to the event. Check out the City of Lansing's website for more information on the Lansing Fall Festival www.lansingks.org/comm-econdev/page/lansing-fall-festival.

### **LANSING PARKS & RECREATION**

108 S. 2nd Street, Lansing, KS 66043 North side of the Lansing Activity Center (913) 727-2960 | parks@lansingks.org

### **SPOOKY CENTER 2024**

This enchanting Halloween festivity is conjured forth by the Parks & Recreation Department in partnership with the Lansing Community Library. Spooky Center shall materialize on Saturday, October 26th, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM offering a delightful array of carnival games, prizes, and refreshments—all at no cost. This magical gathering is tailored for young souls up to and including 8th grade.

\*Strollers are not permitted. \*\*Beware! Strobe lights will illuminate this event.

### **GHOST HUNT 2024**

In the realm of Lansing, the spirits stir with restlessness as the season of spookiness approaches. As the Parks & Recreation Department prepares for a grand Halloween celebration, impish ghouls have eluded their grasp and escaped into the city's expanse! The eerie specters of the otherworldly now haunt the Parks and Trails of Lansing. But fear not, dear children, for the city calls upon your wit and cunning to capture these restless spirits! Keep your 6th senses attuned to the Lansing Parks & Recreation Facebook page for the hauntingly fun Lansing Ghost Hunt of 2024!

#### Regular Business Hours:

Monday through Friday - 8:00 am until 4:30 pm

Facebook: Lansing KS Parks & Recreation Website: www.lansingks.org/parksrec

### **WEATHER & NATURE**

"When Is the First Day of Fall? The Fall Equinox (The Autumnal Equinox) and the first day of autumn arrives on Sunday, September 22nd, 2024, at 7:43 AM (Central) in the Northern Hemisphere. The Autumnal Equinox is an astronomical event that marks the start of autumn (or "fall"). The equinox occurs at the same moment worldwide.

During an equinox, the Sun crosses what we call the "celestial equator"— an imaginary extension of Earth's equator line into space. The equinox occurs precisely when the Sun's center passes through this line.

For those in the Northern Hemisphere, when the Sun crosses the equator going from north to south, this marks the Autumnal Equinox; when it crosses from south to north, this marks the Vernal Equinox (Spring Equinox). In the Southern Hemisphere, it's the reverse.

After the Autumnal Equinox, days become shorter than nights as the Sun continues to rise later and nightfall arrives earlier. This ends with the Winter Solstice, after which days start to grow longer once again."

- Boeckmann, Catherine. "Facts, Folklore, and Everything You Need to Know About the Fall Equinox." The Old Farmer's Almanac, September 12, 2024.

www.almanac.com/content/first-day-fall-autumnal-equinox.