

WINTER '26-'27

REGISTRATION BEGINS 7AM ON SEPTEMBER 14th

SARATOGA SPRINGS RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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Saratoga Springs Recreation Department

Main Office:

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RecReservations@saratogaspringsny.gov
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Staff:

John Hirliman, Administrative Director
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Brandon Butts, Program Coordinator
Scott Stewart, Program Coordinator
Hannah Hertik, Program Coordinator

Saratoga Springs Recreation Commission

The Recreation Department is overseen by a seven-person Commission Board appointed by the Mayor. We would like to thank the following individuals for their time and selfless dedication to ensuring our community has wonderful recreational outlets.

Recreation Commission:

Amy Smith, Chair
Derrick Legall
Bob Manasier
Michelle Merola
Alphonse Lambert
Danielle Passante
Adrianna Britt-Gaeta

FACILITIES

Scott T. Johnson Rec Center
15 Vanderbilt Ave.
518-587-3550 ext 2300
Multi-Purpose Room, Game Room, Racquetball Court, Multi-Purpose Gymnasium, Playground, Outdoor Multi-Use Sport Court, Interactive Spray Fountain

Veterans Memorial Park
10 Adams Rd.
Playground, Interactive Spray Fountain, Baseball Field, 4 Softball Fields, 2 Basketball Courts, 4 Tennis Courts, Jogging Path

West Side Rec
166 Division St.
Playground w/ Zip Line, Interactive Spray Fountain, 3 Tennis Courts, 2 Basketball Courts, 4 Baseball Fields

Willard J. Grande Memorial Field
North Side
5 Clement Ave.
Playground, 2 Lacrosse/Soccer Field

East Side Rec
226 Lake Ave.
East Side Skate Park
Playgrounds, Interactive Spray Fountain,3 Basketball Courts, 3 Tennis Courts, 10 Pickleball Courts, Handball, Skate Park, 1 Football Field, 6 Baseball Fields, Paved Track

Saratoga Springs Ice Rinks
30 Weibel Ave.
Vernon Arena: Regulation Sized Rink, Seats 500
Weibel Rink: Olympic Size Rink, Seats 1500, pro shop

Saratoga Springs Bike Park
30 Weibel Ave (behind ice rink)
4,300sq ft Velosolutions paved pump track

Geyser Crest Courts
26 Hathorn Blvd.
2 Basketball Courts

Waterfront Park
630 Cresent Ave.
Picnic Area, Fishing, Non-Motorized Boat Launch

SaratogaRec.com

Registration Information



Online
SaratogaRec.com



In Person
Visit Rec Center

By Mail
Visit SaratogaRec.com
to download form

Registration Opens September 14th at 7am

***Exception for Pickleball League -**
Registration at 7am 12/7 City & 12/14 Non City

Registration fees may increase & registration may close according to specific programs

(518) 587-3550 Ext. 2300 **RecReservations@saratogaspringsny.gov**

All programs have min/max enrollments. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Fees must be paid in full when registering. The Recreation Department may cancel classes or adjust schedules when necessary.

Registration In-Person or by Mail:
Only cash or check (made out to the Commissioner of Finance) accepted.
Registration Online:
Payments must be made at time of registration via credit/debit card. There is a convenience fee applied to all transactions.
Scholarships:
Limited scholarships available. Contact Recreservations@saratogaspringsny.gov to apply.
Program Refund Policy:
If the Recreation Department cancels a class, a program refund, credit or make-up class will be offered. All other refund requests must come directly to the Recreation Office in writing at least 5 days prior to the program start date. Refunds are subject to the approval of the Director and a $10 processing fee. **Exception**: Camp Saradac and Multisport refund requests must be made prior to May 1st. No refunds will be provided afterwards.

Upcoming Registration Opens

Camp Saradac & Mulitsport Camp
City Residents: Mar 1
Non-City Residents: Mar 15

Spring Brochure to drop in Jan 2027 with additional info.

Programs

Youth Basketball

Little Hoopsters - Parent / Child Program
Our Parent/Child co-ed program for 3-5 year olds is a great way to become introduced to the sport of basketball! Classes will focus on fun and individual skills.

Saturday Coordinator: Coach Athena DiLorenzo-Ryan
Monday Coordinator: Scott Stewart, Program Coordinator
Location: Scott T. Johnson Recreation Center

Session Fees: City $63 Non-City $73

T-Shirt included

Fall Sessions
Ages: 3-5 years old
Dates: Sat 11/7 - 12/19 (no 11/28)
Times: 9:00am-9:45am
or
Dates: Mon 11/9 - 12/14
Times: 5:30pm-6:15pm

Winter Dates
Ages: 3-5 years old
Dates: Sat 1/2 - 2/6
Times: 9:00am-9:45am
or
Dates: Mon 1/4 - 2/8
Times: 5:30pm-6:15pm

Intro to Basketball
Intro to Basketball blends fun and fundamentals to give players a strong start in the sport. Led by Coach Ron Lewis, with over 14 years of experience, the program focuses on key skills and drills in a supportive, team-oriented environment that encourages growth and sportsmanship.

Coordinator: Coach Ron Lewis
Location: Scott T. Johnson Recreation Center

***Volunteer coaches needed* Coaches meeting: Wed. 11/4 @6pm**

Fees: City $70 Non-City $90 Jersey included

Grades: K-1
Dates: Sat 11/7 - 2/6 (no 11/28, 12/26)
Times: 8:30am-10:00am
or
Dates: Mon 11/9 - 2/8 (no 12/21, 12/28)
Times: 5:00pm-6:30pm



SARATOGA-WILTON ELKS LODGE NO. 161 HOOP SHOOT

Saratoga-Wilton Elks Lodge No. 161 will hold its annual Hoop Shoot basketball free throw shooting competition on ***Saturday, December 5, 2026, from 11 am to 3 pm*** *at the Scott T. Johnson Recreation Center at 15 Vanderbilt Avenue, Saratoga Springs.*

This event is free and open to boys and girls ages 8-13. Boys and girls will be divided into separate divisions and by age groups of 8-9 year olds, 10-11 year olds and 12-13 year olds. Participants' eligibility will be determined as of their age on April 1, 2027.
Local winners advance to district and possibly Regional, State and National finals.

Pre-registration is not required.
For further information contact Hoop Shoot Director Steve Dorsey at 518-369-1985

Programs - Basketball Leagues

Our girls and boys leagues focus on fun, team play and sportsmanship, as well as skills development. The recreational format is intended to foster an environment of vigorous play without over-emphasis on records and stats.

Players are placed on a team by the Rec Department. We are unable to accommodate requests for placement with specific players/coaches.
Days and times subject to change based on enrollment.

Dates: 11/7 - 2/6
Weeknights: 5:30-9:00pm (One-hour slot within this timeframe)
Saturdays: 10:00am-4:00pm (One-hour slot within this timeframe)

Need: clean, dry sneakers & water
Coordinator: Scott Stewart
Location: Scott T. Johnson Recreation Center

Fees: City $115 Non-City $135
*Fees increase $25 on Monday, 10/26

Jersey/shorts included



Boys Basketball League
New Age Divisions
Grades 1-2: Tue / Sat
Grades 3-4: Wed / Sat
Grades 5-6: Thu / Sat
Grades 7-9*: Mon / Sat
Trying out for your school team? No worries. Sign up with us and, if you make your school team, we will provide a 100% refund.

Girls Basketball League
New Night
Grades 2-4: Tue / Sat
Grades 4-6: Tue / Sat

Coaches Meeting
10/27 @ 6:00pm





Volunteer Coaches Needed!

Consider sharing your love of youth sports by being one of our volunteer coaches. The success of our programs depends on you! After registering your child for the program, **register yourself under the "Coach" option.**

At the end of the season, volunteer coaches receive a 100% reimbursement for their child's registration fee. Two coaches per team needed.

Questions? Contact recreservations@saratogaspringsny.gov

Team Sponsors Needed!

Sponsoring a team today enables us to continue to offer fun and worthwhile programming for over 400 basketball players ages 3 to 18. If you, or someone you know, would like to have their business sponsor a team, fill out the Sponsor form or register online to pay with a credit card by Friday, Oct 23rd.

Fee: $300 per team or $275 per team for multiple teams
Visit SaratogaRec.com for more information.

Referees for Grades 2 & 3 Wanted!

Referees are paid per game. A knowledge of the rules and game are necessary, but certifications are not required.

Ref Meeting: Tues, Nov 10, 2026 at Rec Center

Email or visit SaratogaRec.com for application.

Programs

Volleyball League

Join us for our Recreation Volleyball League and become part of a community of over 100 players enjoying competitive gameplay and tournaments throughout the season!

Need: Water and sneakers
Coordinator: Brandon Butts, Program Coordinator
Location: Scott T. Johnson Recreation Center

Fees: City $75 Non-City $95
*Fees increase $25 after 11/30

Jersey included

Dates: 12/6-2/7

Grades 3-5: Wed 5:30pm and Sun 8:00am*
Grades 5-7: Wed 6:30pm and Sun 8 or 9am*
Grades 7-9: Wed 7:30pm and Sun 9:00 am*
Grades 10-12: Wed 7:30 and Sun 9:00am*
*(Sun am time TBD)



Volunteer Coaches Needed!

Consider sharing your love of volleyball by being one of our volunteer coaches. After registering your child for the program, **register yourself under the "Coach" option.** At the end of the season, volunteer coaches receive a 100% reimbursement for their child's registration fee. Two coaches per team needed.

Coaches Meeting: Wednesday 12/3, 5:30-6:30pm

Boxing Co-Sponsored w/ Saratoga Youth Boxing Association

Our co-sponsored camp is non-contact and geared towards learning proper boxing technique and conditioning. Light contact is available for those wishing to take it to the next level. Full safety equipment and coach's approval required.

Coordinator: Saratoga Youth Boxing Association
Location: Saratoga Youth Boxing Gym at Weibel Ave Ice Rink
Need: water, sneakers, towel

Ages: 8-15 (Co-ed)
Dates: 2/1 - 2/5
Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm
Fees: City $60 Non-City $70





Programs

Ice Skating Lessons

Find Fall Session (Sept-Dec) information in the Fall Brochure! Visit SaratogaRec.com



Intro to Ice Skating - Tuesday or Saturday

- Introduces participants to the exciting world of ice skating
- Provides opportunity to build upon skills already learned
- Prepares a skater to move into figure skating, hockey, or speed skating
- Classes are grouped by age and ability
- Classes are 1hr per week consisting of a 15 min warmup, 30 min group lesson, and 15 min practice
- Level based system of teaching provides clear path to advancement
- Instructors have many years of experience teaching and emphasize fun and safety while providing proper technique in ice skating basics
- A responsible adult must accompany beginners on the ice. Adults do not need skates
- Bike, Ski or Hockey helmets mandatory for all participants
- Skaters should wear snow or fleece pants, warm jacket and mittens or gloves
- Single blade skates only - No double runners

Fees: City $72 / Non-City $92
Skate Rentals: $6/Class or $30 Punch Card/Session
***Fees increase $25 after 12/28 (for Tues classes) and 1/1 (for Sat classes)**

Ages: 3 and up (adults welcome)
Date: Sat 1/9-2/13 or Tues 1/5-2/9
Time: Sat (all levels) - one hour between 11:15am-12:45pm or
Tues (beginners only) - one hour between 4:15-5:15pm or
Tues (all levels) - one hour between 4:45-6:00pm
(email will be sent prior to start date with class time)

Location: Saratoga Springs Ice Rinks, 30 Weibel Ave
Coordinator: Jill Ramos - USFS Quadruple Gold Medalist/25+ years experience
Instructors: Amanda Shelburne - USFS Triple Gold Medalist/Regional and National Coach/PSA Master Rated
Pat Kenkel - USFS Double Gold Medalist/Regional and National Coach
Kelsey Clechenko - Adult National Medalist - 10+ years experience
Gwen Craig - 10+ years experience

Fundamentals of Figure Skating

We are excited to announce that our Fundamentals of Figure Skating program is now being offered through the Saratoga Springs Figure Skating Club. This transition marks an exciting new chapter, providing skaters with expanded opportunities to learn, grow, and explore the many aspects of figure skating.

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In addition to building strong fundamental figure skating skills, participants will have the chance to experience the diverse disciplines within the sport, including testing, freestyle, ice dance, performance, and more. Whether a skater's goal is recreational enjoyment or competitive achievement, the program is designed to foster confidence, skill development, and a lifelong love of figure skating in a supportive and engaging environment.

Visit the **SSFSC website** for additional information and a registration link.
Questions should be directed to the Saratoga Springs Figure Skating Club at saratogafsc@gmail.com

Check out public skating and birthday party information on page 10!

TRY SPORTS FOR FREE AND PSB

Our moto: The City of Saratoga Springs Recreation Department is excited to offer **Try Sports for FREE**, made possible through the generous support of **PSB Transitions of Saratoga**. PSB is proud to partner with the Recreation Department to remove barriers and create greater access to athletics, enrichment, and community connection, ensuring every child has the opportunity to thrive through inclusive and accessible local programming. At the Saratoga Springs Recreation Department, we believe playing sports should be fun! That's why **Try Sports for FREE** gives youth in grades K–12 the chance to explore a variety of sports throughout the year with no experience required and no significant investment of time or money. Whether discovering a new favorite activity or simply enjoying the experience of being active with friends, this program provides a fun, welcoming environment where sports are played the way they were meant to be—for everyone.

***Registration is recommend. Equipment is provided.**

Volleyball

Interested in joining the winter volleyball league, but don't have a lot of experience? Learn more about the sport before the league starts!

Date: Sat 11/18 6:00-8:00
Time: TBD
Location: Scott T. Johnson Recreation Center

Follow our Facebook page for more events in 2027



Rec Sports Club

Fully Funded by PSB Transitions of Saratoga

Looking for something fun for your child to do after school? Join us for our **FREE** After School Recreation Program, made possible through the generosity of **PSB Transitions of Saratoga**! The program meets on Thursdays from 3:30–5:00 PM at the Recreation Center, where participants will enjoy a variety of sports, games, and activities in the gym. An after-school snack will also be provided.

On Wednesdays from 3:30–5:00 PM, the program moves to the Vernon Ice Rink. The ice will be divided into two sections. One side will be dedicated to Learn to Skate, making it the perfect opportunity for children who are new to skating. Free skate rentals are included, so no equipment is needed to get started. The other side of the ice will feature a stick session with small, fun hockey-themed games and activities. Participants on the stick session side must wear a helmet with a face mask and gloves. If your child begins in the Learn to Skate program and later wants to participate in the hockey activities but does not have equipment, PSB Transitions of Saratoga will help provide hockey gear. This program is free and open to all interested participants, but registration is required.



Location: Scott T. Johnson Recreation Center & Ice Rink
Ages: 8-14
Dates:
Time: Wed & Thursdays, 3:30-5:00pm
Need: Sneakers, water
Coordinator: Rec Dept Staff
Fee: FREE!

Pickleball

Drop-In Indoor Play

The Scott T. Johnson Recreation Center offers ample opportunities to play pickleball at its 9 indoor courts. Indoor court time varies monthly, see the Drop-In schedule posted at **SaratogaRec.com / Drop-In Programs page.**

Need: clean, dry sneakers, paddle, water,
Location: Scott T. Johnson Recreation Center, 15 Vanderbilt Ave

Fees: City $5 / Non-City $6
Must have a Drop In Rec Card

Private Court Rental
*Interested in renting a court for private pickleball play? We offer Pickleball Court Reservations!

- Mon - Fri, 11:00am-1:00pm; City $6 Non-City $9
- Check out our Drop In page on our website for more details

Fair Play For All

To encourage equal play for all, there are paddle waiting stations for the courts. Players are expected to rotate games so all waiting players are able to join in. This provides a great opportunity for pickleball enthusiasts to meet one another for mixed play!

Workshops

Our two-day **Advanced-Beginner/Intermediate Workshop** is for those with playing experience who want to advance their game. Participants should already understand the rules of the game, be able to serve and return consistently and sustain rallies. Tips to improve positioning and strategy in doubles match play will be provided.

Coordinator, Peter Bojarczuk is a Certified Level 2 IPTPA pickleball instructor, and has instructed at adult and youth clinics throughout New York State, the tri-state area, and Florida.

Dates

10/17 & 24	Saturdays	9:00-10:30am	East Side Rec
11/15 & 22	Sundays	1:00-2:30pm	Recreation Center
12/13 & 20	Sundays	2:30-4:00pm	Recreation Center
1/10 & 17	Sundays	2:30-4:00pm	Recreation Center
2/20 & 27	Saturdays	2:30-4:00pm	Recreation Center

Fees: **City $75 / Non-City $85**

Leagues

Join the hottest sport in the country! Our indoor, adult leagues are played in a ladder format where courts are ranked by skill level. Each player's performance dictates their week-to-week court assignment as they try to climb the ladder to the top court!

Winter Leagues

Registration:

- **City Residents - 12/7, 7:00am**
- **Non-City Residents - 12/14, 7:00am**

**City residency is based on where property taxes are paid*

Location: Scott T. Johnson Rec Center, 15 Vanderbilt Avenue
Fees: City $65 / Non-City $75

Beginner - Low Intermediate Ladder League (DUPR 2.0-3.5)
Dates: 1/9-2/27 (no 2/13)
Time: Sat 4:30-7:00pm

High Int - Advanced League (DUPR 3.3+)
Dates: 1/10-2/28 (no 2/14)
Time: Sun 4:30-7:00pm

Substitutes
Interested in being part of the league but can't commit to the entire season? Sign up to be on the substitute list! Substitutes will be contacted as needed by each league's coordinator. There is no fee to sign up or participate as a substitute in our leagues.

Pickleball 101

This one-hour Learn to Play class occurs during Drop-In Sessions and is taught by experienced Rec Staff. You'll learn the basics of the game, from rules to strategies, and walk away ready to start your new obsession! Bring your own paddle or borrow one of ours. After the lesson, you'll be able to join the other players for the remainder of the Drop-In session.

Dates
These classes take place weekly and specific dates are listed on the pickleball page of our website.

Fees: City $27 / Non-City $37

Drop In Programs

Drop In Rec Card

Get your FREE Drop In Rec Card at www.SaratogaRec.com. To register for a Rec Card, Click Online Registration. Your Rec card will be available for pick up on your first visit to the Rec Center or at the Ice Rink during a public session. Each family member within your household must have a valid Rec Card to participate. Check out which programs require a Drop In Rec Card below.

**Open Public and Family Skate do not require a Drop In Rec Card, but City residents with an account will receive the City discount.*

Recreation Center

Open Adult (17+) Basketball ($5 / $6)
Open Pickleball ($5 / $6)
Pickleball Court Reservations ($6 / $9)
Racquetball ($6 / $9)
Open Gym (FREE)
Open Volleyball (FREE)
Walking (FREE)
Fitness Room (17+) (FREE)

Ice Rinks

***Open Public and Family Skate** ($5 / $6)
Open and Family Stick ($10 / $12) Coaches $6 / Goalies Free
Open Figure ($12 / $14) Coaches $6
Open Adult (17+ and 40+) Hockey ($10 / $12) Goalies Free
Open Curling (17+ and Family) ($5 / $6)

***Rates reflect a City / Non-City Fee**
Open Volleyball is only available on Wednesdays

How to Pay:

- Cash or check (payable to Commissioner of Finance) **only** for in person transactions.
- Punch Cards and daily tickets may be purchased online through your Community Pass account with a credit card.

For additional information and rules about the Rec Center and Ice Rinks, check out SaratogaRec.com and visit our Rec Center Drop In Programs or Public Ice Skating pages.

Drop In Calendars:

Monthly calendars are posted at SaratogaRec.com. Look for the Basketball or Ice Skate for the Drop In program calendar.





REGISTER ONLINE: SARATOGAREC.COM

Happy Birthday

Looking for a cool spot to host a birthday party? Come on over to the Rec Center or Ice Rink!

Send an email over to RecReservations@saratogaspringsny.gov to book. Please let us know how large your party is, the kind of space you are looking for, and any additional questions you may have.

**Parties may be held at the ice rink during Family Skate and Public skate sessions only*

**Please bring your own food, drink, and decorations!*

Saratoga Rec Social Media

Looking for quick, on-the-go updates about your favorite Rec programs? Want to stay informed about weather-related closures or important registration deadlines? By following Saratoga Rec on social media, you'll get all this and so much more!



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What to expect from following Saratoga Rec...

- Event highlights
- Timely registration reminders
- Weather related closures or program cancellations
- Ongoing stories that share program updates throughout the season
- End of program posts, such as recaps from summer camps or sports leagues
- Easy connection with office staff if you have any questions about a post or story

Your next adventure is only a follow away—join the fun and stay engaged all year long!

Employment

Mission Statement

Our mission is to create fun, safe, affordable activities, and to enrich the community's quality of life through outstanding programs, resources, and facilities for all individuals.



Volunteer!

Volunteer opportunities include, but are not limited to: coaching, score clock keeper, book keeper, chaperoning special events and/or nightly activities, park and field clean-up, and class instruction.

All interested personnel are encouraged to register online as a volunteer. Visit the Volunteer page on SaratogaRec.com for all information.

Questions? Please email RecReservations@saratogaspringsny.gov

Join the Team!

Sports Instructors to Coordinators (14 years & up)

Ice Rink Staff (14 years & up)

Recreation Center Staff (16 years & up)

Summer Camp Counselors (16 years & up - available in December)

Download employment application at SaratogaRec.com/ I Want To



With Special Thanks!

Saratoga Springs Friends of Recreation is a group of volunteers dedicated to fundraising for the Saratoga Springs Recreation Department. They are committed to financing improvements for local playgrounds and sports facilities, purchasing new youth program equipment, and helping fund camp scholarships.

"Like" their Facebook page "Saratoga Springs Friends of Recreation" for up-to-date fundraising events. Online donations can be made through The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region at www.cfgcr.org. Please be sure to direct your donation to "Saratoga Springs Friends of Rec".

REGISTER ONLINE: SARATOGAREC.COM