



The Community Center

Madison Community Center NEWSLETTER



The Madison Community Center held our annual Family Fun Night event on Thursday, February 8th. Our theme was jungle and showcased a photobooth, walk through the jungle hallway, and animal face painting. We had a great turnout that resulted in six new Family Memberships!

Our event consisted of popcorn, games, bouncy houses, and a cake walk. CC Members donated over 20 baked goods for the event, and we couldn't have done it without them. Thank you to all who donated!!

Family Fun Night was made possible with the help of the Dakota State University Football Team. They volunteered to run our games and supervise the bouncy houses. They also helped clean up the event, which was a huge undertaking. We appreciate all of your help, DSU Football!



Congratulations

Member with the most check-ins for February is:

Tommy Kurtz

Movement is Medicine – Way to Go!

From the Director: Insights & Updates

It is with mixed emotions that I write to inform you of my decision to resign from my position as Community Center Director. After much reflection and consideration, I have accepted an offer to serve as the Finance Officer for the City of Madison, as it aligns more closely with my career goals and personal aspirations.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve the Community Center. During my time here, I have had the opportunity to work with incredibly dedicated staff, volunteers, and community members, and I am proud of the accomplishments we have achieved together.

The Community Center is an invaluable asset to our community, and while I may be stepping down from my role as Director, I am thankful for the opportunity to contribute to the mission and objectives through my new position. In my new role, I believe I can leverage my experience and insights as Director to support the center's strategic direction and initiatives and I am excited about supporting the Madison Community Center in its continued growth and prosperity.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the governing board, the advisory committee, my colleagues, and the entire community for their unwavering support, guidance, and camaraderie throughout my tenure. It has been a rewarding experience working alongside such dedicated individuals, and I will cherish the memories and friendships forged here. Thank you once again for the invaluable experience and the memories I will carry with me.



Amy L. Saad
Director

Special Events



Aquatics

The pool has been popping lately!

We just finished our first session of swimming lessons for the year! We had over 60 students and it was a great success. I couldn't do it without the help of my awesome Lifeguards and Water Safety Instructors! Our next sessions will be held in June.

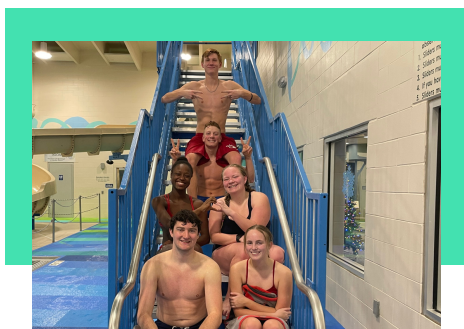
We held our second Glow Up the Night Pool Party with elementary school students. We had 56 children attend the party in the dark with all sorts of glow sticks, light up balls, and toys! The kids enjoyed tacos and had LOTS of fun!

We had St. Thomas School come and swim for a field trip in February and they had a blast! Coming up, we are hosting Hills-Beaver Creek for a field trip and the US Army is hosting a water training. We also host the Special Olympic swimmers every Sunday evening. Seeing our community utilize our pool is exciting and the collaboration is great!

Along with the CC pool, I am currently diving into the Madison Aquatic Center and preparing for the anticipated MAC opening date! Mark your calendars- we will be opening on Saturday, May 25th!!!



Aly Black
Aquatics Coordinator



Member Spotlight

Zeno Van Erdewyk is the light to our day here at the CC! Whether it be pushing in chairs, cracking jokes, or bringing us delicious treats - he shows up with a smile and a helping hand! Zeno shares knowledge, recipes, and stories with us daily and teaches us something new every day! His dedication to our facility is admirable!



Movement is medicine, way to go Zeno!



Fitness

The Community Center received a donation from the Madison Community Foundation to aid in our efforts to make some much-needed updates in our weight room!

The funds received will be used to update several pieces of our cardio equipment as well as purchase new sets of dumbbells to be used throughout the facility. The old dumbbells will be repurposed throughout the facility to allow for greater usage in classes and in the kickboxing studio.

*As a reminder, our policy allows the CrossEdge closet to be used by Personal Trainers and CC Staff only.

Contact Derek Lund for more information on classes and personal training.

Derek.lund@cityofmadisonsd.com or (605) 256-7546



Derek Lund
Fitness Coordinator



Group Fitness Classes

Bulldogs in Training

Do you have a young athlete aged 11-15 that is interested in learning more about lifting? Bulldogs in Training will focus on the fundamentals of lifting, how to properly warm up and cool down from a workout, as well as give you the tools to make your own workout moving forward.

This 4-week program runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-4:15. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please email me at jordan.peirce@cityofmadisonsd.com.

Overdrive Sports Performance

Are you looking to become a better athlete during the offseason? Overdrive focuses on the overall athlete through enhancing your agility, power, strength, stability, injury prevention, balance, and cardio.

This 8-week program will start on May 27th and will be Monday's, Wednesday's, and Friday's from 7:00-8:15am. If you have any questions, please contact me at jordan.peirce@cityofmadisonsd.com.



Jordan Pierce
Fitness & Sports Enhancement Specialist

Before & After School Program

The After School Program has been running smoothly and we are already in the month of March! Lots of activities have taken place, such as creating new crafts, enjoying the beautiful weather outside with outside play and going on walks, and playing new team group games.

The program received a generous donation from East River Co-op of \$835. The funds will be spent on items that will benefit the program such as, new toys, craft supplies, and games.

Thank you, East River Electric Power Cooperative!!



On February 6th and 7th Kaylee had the opportunity to visit Pierre, SD for After School Day at the Capital. Out of School Time Directors from across the state of South Dakota to showcase their program. During this visit, Kaylee was able to speak with legislators about her role as an OST Director, what changes are taking place, and what a typical afternoon may look like. She proudly represented the Community Center!



The Summer Program registration opens on March 18th. The registration form can be found at the CC front desk or on the Community Center website. If there are any questions please contact Kaylee directly. Bring on Summer!



Kaylee Winrow
Youth Service Coordinator

BSP, ASP or Summer Program Questions:
Email: Kaylee.Winrow@cityofmadisonsd.com
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Recreation and Intramurals

Greetings from the Rec and Intramural department!

We have some great things going on at the Madison Community Center this Spring. Youth rec volleyball began mid-February and will be four fun weeks of learning skills and playing games!



Following volleyball, Eli Hein, will be hosting a 4-week youth indoor soccer skills & games session. This will lead right into SoDak Spurs outdoor soccer league! Registration for soccer is available online at www.sodakspurs.com.

Adult Rec and DSU Intramurals are nearing their play-off season. We expect some competitive games to be held this spring! Thank you to all community members and college students who participated this winter.

Our free ice-skating sessions have ended due to the incredibly beautiful weather this winter but we continue to offer free open gym at the Madison City Armory. Join us from 6:00 – 8:00 pm every Friday night to burn off some steam in the gym! Another great option is to check out the climbing wall on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the Community Center. Climbing is a safe way to face your fears and work your muscles at the same time!

Keep your eyes peeled for several Community Center special events this spring! More information will be released soon on our Youth Track Meet and Madtown Bike Day!



Are you interested in Pickleball?

We have expanded our open gym pickleball hours! Come and play with us on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings in the Multipurpose Gym! Paddles are provided if you don't have your own.

Whether you're experienced or brand new to the sport, we welcome you to join us!



Samantha Tighe
Recreation Coordinator



Pickleball
Open Gym

Tuesdays 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Wednesdays 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

March, April, May
Nets & Paddles Provided
Or Bring Your Own

Free with daily admission

Madison Community Center
Multi-Purpose Gym

More Information :
samantha.tighe@cityofmadisonsd.com

We want to take a moment to inform you about an upcoming change regarding credit card processing fees that will be implemented on March 1, 2024. Starting on this date, we will introduce a merchant services fee of 3 % for all card transactions at our facility.

As you may know, credit card processing fees have become increasingly burdensome for many businesses, including ours. In an effort to offset this cost and continue providing quality facilities, equipment, and services to our valued members, we have made the difficult decision to introduce this merchant services fee.

This fee will be applicable to all card payments made for membership renewals, personal training sessions, classes, and any other services offered at our facility. We understand that this change may raise questions or concerns, and we want to assure you that we have carefully considered various options before implementing this fee. We believe that this is the best approach to ensure sustainability and to maintain our commitment to your journey.

We remain committed to providing you with excellent facilities, equipment, innovative classes, and exceptional services to support your health and wellness goals.

We appreciate your understanding and continued loyalty during this transition.



A Directors Perspective on Facility Closures

As your Community Center Director, I want to ensure the safety and well-being of all our members and staff. With that in mind, I'd like to shed light on what goes into the decision-making process when we must close our facility due to adverse weather conditions. I want to assure you that a decision of this magnitude is never taken lightly.

The safety of our community is paramount. With extreme weather events our primary concern is ensuring that everyone remains safe. This includes members, staff, and anyone else who may be visiting our facility.

We continuously monitor weather forecasts from reliable sources to stay informed about any potential hazards. Our team keeps a close eye on weather updates, paying particular attention to any warnings or advisories issued by local authorities.

Before making a decision to close the facility, we carefully assess the level of risk posed by the weather conditions. All department coordinators meet as a team to make the best decision possible. We consult with local non-life-service facilities to make a unified decision. Factors such as the severity of the weather, road conditions, and accessibility to the facility all play a crucial role in this assessment.

In conclusion, I want to express my gratitude to our community for your understanding and cooperation during these times. Your safety is our top priority, and we appreciate your support as we work together to keep our community center a safe and welcoming place for all.



Amy L. Sord
Director