

# Spring/Summer 2026 Activity Guide



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# Registration & Refund Policies



## Instructors Wanted!

The City of Mount Vernon Parks & Recreation Department is looking for specialty class instructors! From fitness and martial arts to astronomy and gardening, and everything in between! The possibilities are endless when it comes to the types of classes we can offer. If you are interested in sharing your area of expertise, contact us at (360) 336-6215 or forward your class proposal ideas to [mvparks@mountvernonwa.gov](mailto:mvparks@mountvernonwa.gov). We look forward to hearing from you!

## ARTS COMMISSION

If you have an interest in advancing the arts community in the City of Mount Vernon, consider joining the Arts Commission.

Download an application at [www.mountvernonwa.gov/101/Arts-Commission](http://www.mountvernonwa.gov/101/Arts-Commission). Feel free to contact us at (360)336-6215 or [mvparks@mountvernonwa.gov](mailto:mvparks@mountvernonwa.gov) for more information.



## Registration Policy

Pre-registration required. Complete payment MUST accompany registration. Program sizes are limited, and registrations are taken on a first come first served basis. Programs may be cancelled due to low registrations or inclement weather; or combined to attain sufficient enrollment. Please register early.

## Refund Policy

The Mount Vernon Parks & Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel, reschedule, or combine activities as needed. A full refund will be issued if the Mount Vernon Parks & Recreation Department cancels a program or registration fee may be transferred to an upcoming class if available. No credit will be left on accounts. All refunds requested by participants will be less a \$10 administration fee, plus any program expenses (shirts, trophies, books, supplies, etc.). No refunds will be given for amounts \$10 or less, unless Mount Vernon Parks & Recreation Department cancels the program. Refund requests must be submitted in writing a minimum of seven (7) business days before a program is scheduled to begin unless otherwise noted in the program description; email is accepted. Staff confirmation of withdrawal is required. The \$10 administration fee is assessed per registrant, per program. Refunds are not granted for “no shows”. Please allow up to three weeks for the processing of any refunds.

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## How to Register

### Online:

Visit our website at [www.mountvernonwa.gov/parks](http://www.mountvernonwa.gov/parks) and click the “Program Registration” button. Search for your desired class or activity by name, keyword, or use the activity code listed in this guide. You will need an ActiveNet account to register online.



### By Phone:

Call the Parks & Recreation Department at (360) 336-6215 during our regular office hours and we will be happy to help you register over the phone with credit card payment.

### In-Person:

Visit the Parks & Recreation Department at 1717 South 13th Street between 8am and 5pm, Monday through Friday. Credit card, cash, or check payments are accepted in-person.

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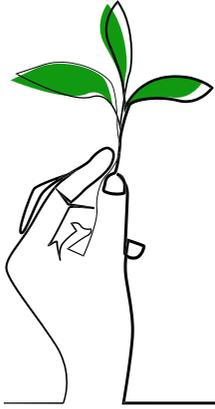
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**Office Hours:**  
 Monday-Friday • 8am-5pm

**Holiday Closures:**  
 May 25: Memorial Day  
 June 19: Juneteenth  
 July 3: Independence Day (observed)  
 September 7: Labor Day

## Volunteer Programs



### ADOPT A PARK, TRAIL, OR STREET!

Make a lasting impact right where you live by adopting a park, trail, or street! A flexible volunteer opportunity for individuals, families, or groups who want to play an active role in keeping Mount Vernon vibrant and cared for. Partner with the Parks Department to steward a space you care about. We'll supply guidance, tools, and support as you take on projects like litter pickup, planting, or removing invasive plants. Pick a place that inspires you and help it shine, on a schedule that fits your life.

## YOU CAN HELP OUR PARKS

### VOLUNTEER AT AN EVENT

Be part of the action by volunteering at some of Mount Vernon's most exciting community events, including the Youth Arts Festival, Illuminight Winter Walk, Earth Day, and more! From sparking creativity to celebrating the natural world, each event offers a unique and meaningful way to get involved. Lend a hand, meet new people, and help create memorable experiences for our community.

### VOLUNTEER WITH YOUTH AT SUPERVISED PLAYGROUND & NATURE CAMPS!

Inspire local youth through outdoor play and exploration while gaining valuable, real-world experience! Volunteer with Supervised Playground and Nature Camps for hands-on training that's ideal for anyone interested in education, recreation, or childcare. One week of volunteering can earn up to 35 volunteer hours, and the skills you build will strengthen your resume and prepare you for working with youth. Register by June 1 to join the team and complete your training!

### HOST A VOLUNTEER EVENT WITH YOUR GROUP!

Bring your team, whether it's a business, club, church, school, or community group, and host a volunteer event with Mount Vernon Parks & Recreation! Pick a date, select a project, and gather at least 6 volunteers for a 2–4 hour service experience. You can choose to keep your event private or open it to the public, and we're happy to highlight your group on social media if you'd like. Email [mvparks@mountvernonwa.gov](mailto:mvparks@mountvernonwa.gov) to get started!



# Volunteer Programs

**Bonnie Rae Park** 

**Pea Patch Community Garden**

15 Plots  
6788 Fee \$40

Grow your own food, connect with neighbors, and enjoy the benefits of gardening at the Bonnie Rae Pea Patch! Garden plots are available on a first-come, first-served basis and include standard in-ground plots (12' x 12') as well as ADA-accessible raised beds (5' x 15').

The gardening season runs from April 1 through October 31, with an annual plot fee of \$40. All plot renters must be 16 years or older, reside within the City of Mount Vernon, and are limited to one plot per family. A mandatory community meeting and garden party will be held on March 28 for all gardeners to kick off the season, share information, and build community.

For full guidelines, expectations, and additional details, download the Pea Patch Information Packet at [www.mountvernonwa.gov/parks](http://www.mountvernonwa.gov/parks).

## VOLUNTEER WORK PARTY AT BONNIE RAE PARK!

Age: 16+ years

Help us beautify and care for Bonnie Rae Park and the Pea-Patch Community Gardens, creating welcoming, healthy spaces for community use and environmental learning! Projects may include planting, tending garden beds, removing invasive plants, or enhancing areas for play and nature observation. Tools will be provided, all skill levels welcome.

Location: Bonnie Rae Park

Instructor: City Staff

Min/Max: 6/30

Code	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6787	May 2	Sat	9am-12pm	FREE



# FREE Community Events



**PERFORMING ARTS**  
*in the Parks*

Brought to you by Mount Vernon Arts Commission

**CANTABILE CHOIR**  
MV Library April 4, 2pm

**MARIMBA BAND**  
Skagit Riverwalk Park May 21, 6pm

**CIRQUE CADIA**  
Youth Arts Festival July 25, 12pm

**COMING SOON**  
Folklorico Dancers • Shakespeare in the Park • NW Youth Symphony  
*This project partially funded by Skagit County Lodging Tax funds, [www.VisitSkagitValley.com](http://www.VisitSkagitValley.com)*



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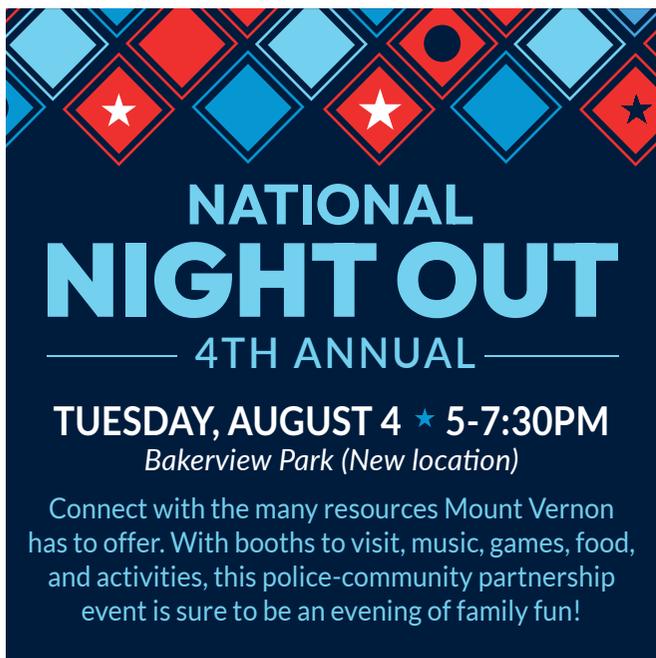
**SATURDAY, JUNE 27 • 11AM TO 2PM**  
Quiet Hour: 11am-12pm • Horns & Sirens: 12pm-2pm  
**New Location!! 315 Snoqualmie Street**

Come see the vehicles that help our city run! Climb into the cab of all kinds of trucks, vehicles, and equipment; honk horns, set off sirens, check out the controls and see what it feels like to be in the driver's seat of the coolest vehicles in town.

# FREE Community Events



*Fabulous*  
**4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY**  
**AT RIVERWALK PARK**  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★  
Fireworks show will start  
at approximately 10PM



**NATIONAL  
NIGHT OUT**  
— 4TH ANNUAL —  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 4 ★ 5-7:30PM**  
*Bakerview Park (New location)*  
Connect with the many resources Mount Vernon has to offer. With booths to visit, music, games, food, and activities, this police-community partnership event is sure to be an evening of family fun!



**40th Annual**  
**youth  
Arts  
Festival**  
Saturday,  
July 25  
Hillcrest  
Park  
11am-3pm  
Family Entertainment, Arts and Craft  
Booths, Performers, Raffle Prizes, Bounce  
Houses, Roaming Characters, Food Vendors

# FREE Outdoor Education

## EXPLORE OUTDOOR Saturdays • 10am-12pm



All Ages \*Children must be accompanied by an adult

Explore Outdoors offers families a great way to learn and connect with nature together. Come prepared to participate as a family in engaging activities focused around the theme of each event.

**Registration Required**

### Invasive Vs. Native: Plant Detectives

Become a plant detective, and learn how to spot invasive plants versus helpful native species! Explore the park, uncover sneaky invaders, and find out why native plants are so important for our ecosystem. Get hands-on with some of the invasives we find, turning them into fun projects.

Location: Hillcrest Park

Instructor: Recreation Staff

Min/Max: 10/75

Code	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6790	Jun 13	Sat	10am-12pm	FREE



### Bugs at Bakerview

Get up close and personal with real-life creepy crawlies! Skilled entomologists will introduce you to the incredible world of insects. Observe live bugs and learn about the amazing ways these invertebrate neighbors contribute to our environment.

Location: Bakerview Park, Vaux Retreat Center

Instructor: Recreation Staff

Min/Max: 10/75

Code	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6791	Jul 11	Sat	10am-12pm	FREE

### Spring Foraging & Wild Edibles

Uncover the hidden flavors of early spring with a guided adventure focused on finding, identifying, and safely preparing local wild edibles. Learn how plants have been traditionally used for food and wellness, sharpen your observation skills, and gain confidence in recognizing edible species in their natural habitat.

Location: Hillcrest Park

Instructor: Recreation Staff

Min/Max: 10/75

Code	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6789	Aug 8	Sat	10am-12pm	FREE

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# Outdoor Nature Camps



## Week 1: Nature Art Adventure

Age: 4-8 years

Paint on paper and canvas, make fun fiber art, design cool nature fashion, create a temporary art masterpiece, and keep your very own nature journal.

Location: Hillcrest Woodland Shelter

Instructor: City Staff

Min/Max: 10/24

Code	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6780	Jul 20-24	M-F	9am-3pm	\$250

## Week 2: Summer Camp Out

Age: 4-8 years

Pitch a tent, tell stories by the campfire, and roast marshmallows. A perfect way to enjoy nature, and make new friends.

Location: Hillcrest Woodland Shelter

Instructor: City Staff

Min/Max: 10/24

Code	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6781	Jul 27-31	M-F	9am-3pm	\$250



## Week 3: Wilderness Survival

Age: 6-10 years

Sharpen your survival skills and discover how to build shelters, stay safe around bears, start a fire, identify life-saving plants, and so much more.

Location: Hillcrest Woodland Shelter

Instructor: City Staff

Min/Max: 10/24

Code	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6783	Aug 3-7	M-F	9am-3pm	\$250



## Week 4: Lost in the Woods

Age: 6-10 years

Learn how to use maps, compasses, and landmarks to find your way, how to signal for rescue, and what to do if you ever had to spend the night outside.

Location: Hillcrest Woodland Shelter

Instructor: City Staff

Min/Max: 10/24

Code	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6785	Aug 10-14	M-F	9am-3pm	\$250

## Week 5: Advanced Wilderness Survival

Age: 10-15 years

Learn cougar and bear safety, how to identify edible, medicinal, and poisonous plants, start a fire with friction, practice wilderness first aid, master navigation, and build epic shelters.

Location: Little Mountain Upper Lot

Instructor: City Staff

Min/Max: 10/24

Code	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6786	Aug 17-21	M-F	9am-3pm	\$250

# FREE Youth Summer Programs



## Supervised Playground at Bakerview Park

Age: 3-13 years  
Instructor: City Staff & Volunteers  
*\*Children 4 & under must be accompanied by an adult.*

**July 6 - August 21 • 9am - 4pm**  
**Monday - Friday**

Join us this summer in our **FREE**, drop-in program. This child-led, play-based environment, is a new adventure every day. Explore, make friends, and build confidence in a safe, supervised setting. Special experiences like reptile visits or bouncy houses will add extra excitement to the summer. Join us to make every day unforgettable!

**No registration required.**

**Free lunches and Friday operations brought to you through partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of Skagit County.**



## Rec-on-the-Go

Age: 3-13 years  
*\*Children 4 & under must be accompanied by an adult.*  
Locations: City Parks & Local Neighborhoods  
Instructor: City Staff & Volunteers

**July 6 - August 20**  
**Monday - Thursday**  
**10am-12pm & 1:30-3:30pm**

Catch our recreation van around town this summer! We're making stops at local parks and neighborhoods every week. Come enjoy **FREE** fun, entertaining games, sports, activities and crafts.

**No registration required.**

Detailed information can be found on our website: [www.mountvernonwa.gov/parks](http://www.mountvernonwa.gov/parks) or check our Facebook page for regular updates.



Due to planned maintenance closure of the Division Street Bridge, all 4 days of Supervised Playground will be offered at Bakerview Park for 2026. Expect a return to Edgewater Park in 2027. Look for Rec on the Go at Edgewater Park on select 2026 dates.

# Skyhawks Sports Camps



Register directly with Skyhawks on their website at [www.skyhawks.com](http://www.skyhawks.com) or call 1-800-804-3509.

		AGE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	COST
Mar 9 - Apr 13	Soccer	7-10	M	5-5:50pm	Hillcrest Park	\$95
May 4 - Jun 8	Soccer	5-7	M	4-4:50pm	Hillcrest Park	\$95
May 6 - June 10	Pickleball	5-7	W	4-5:50pm	Hillcrest Park	\$95
	Pickleball	7-10	W	5-5:50pm	Hillcrest Park	\$95
May 9 - June 13	Soccer Tots	2	Sat	10-10:40am	Hillcrest Park	\$105
	Soccer Tots	3	Sat	10:50-11:30am	Hillcrest Park	\$105
	Soccer Tots	4	Sat	11:40am-12:20pm	Hillcrest Park	\$105
June 22-26	Soccer Camp	6-12	M-F	9-12pm	Hillcrest Park	\$144
	Soccer Camp	6-12	M-F	9-3pm	Hillcrest Park	\$224
June 29 - July 2	Tennis Camp	6-12	M-Th	9-12pm	Hillcrest Park	\$89
	Tennis Camp	6-12	M-Th	1-4pm	Hillcrest Park	\$89
July 6-10	Beach Volleyball	7-12	M-F	9-12pm	Bakerview Park	\$144
	Basketball	6-12	M-F	9-3pm	Hillcrest Park	\$224
July 13-17	Flag Football	6-12	M-F	9-12pm	Hillcrest Park	\$144
	Flag Football	6-12	M-F	9-3pm	Hillcrest Park	\$224
July 20-24	Multi-Sport	7-12	M-F	9am-12pm	Hillcrest Park	\$144
July 27-31	Mini-Hawk Camp	4-7	M-F	9am-12pm	Hillcrest Park	\$144
	Tennis Camp	6-12	M-F	9am-12pm	Hillcrest Park	\$144
	Tennis Camp	6-12	M-F	1pm-4pm	Hillcrest Park	\$144
August 3-7	Soccer Camp	6-12	M-F	9am-3pm	Hillcrest Park	\$224
	Soccer Camp	6-12	M-F	9am-12pm	Hillcrest Park	\$144
August 10-14	Mini-Hawk Camp	4-7	M-F	9am-12pm	Hillcrest Park	\$144
	Multi-Sport Camp	6-12	M-F	9am-3pm	Hillcrest Park	\$224
	Multi-Sport Camp	6-12	M-F	9am-12pm	Hillcrest Park	\$144
August 17-21	Multi-Sport Camp	6-12	M-F	9am-3pm	Bakerview	\$224
	Multi-Sport Camp	6-12	M-F	9am-12pm	Bakerview	\$144

\*Parent participation required for ages 3 and younger.

# Youth Programs



## Silver Arrow Bowmen (SAB) – Let ‘er Fly Archery

Age: 6+ years

Ever wanted the opportunity to shoot a bow and arrow like Merida or Hawkeye? Drop in at an open house to see the SAB facility and try out archery! No experience necessary to take part in this fun for the whole family activity. **\*Registration Required**

Location: SAB Clubhouse, E Hickox Road

Instructor: SAB Members

Min/Max: 4/25

Code	Date	Session	Day	Time	Fee
6743	Apr 11	Session A	Sat	2pm-3pm	Free
6744	Apr 11	Session B	Sat	3pm-4pm	Free
6745	Nov 14	Session A	Sat	2pm-3pm	Free
6746	Nov 14	Session B	Sat	3pm-4pm	Free
----	Aug 4	National Night Out	Tue	5pm-8pm	Free

## Little Kickers Instructional Soccer League

Age: 3-4 years OR 5-6 years

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday June 1st OR when program is full**

- **Coaches will contact families with practice day and time AFTER June 15**
- **Requests for specific practice dates and time will not be considered**

4 on 4 soccer is a fun introduction to the sport. Soccer basics will be taught with games, drills, and tons of excitement! Coaches will emphasize FUN in their teaching of dribbling, passing, and shooting. Parents are encouraged to help at practice and games as needed.

### 3-4 Year Olds

Code	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6740	Jun 30-Jul 30	T & Th	Evenings	\$60

### 5-6 Year Olds

Code	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6741	Jun 30-Jul 30	T & Th	Evenings	\$60



**Practices:** Weekday evenings June 30 – July 9

**Games:** Tuesday and Thursday Evenings, July 14 – July 30

**Location:** Games played at Bakerview Park

**Volunteer Coaches Needed** - Player registration fee is refunded for volunteer coaches

**Coaches Meeting:** Monday, June 15 @ 6pm

**Sponsors Needed** - \$100 per team with business name on team t-shirts

Location: Games played at Bakerview Park

# Youth Programs



## Parent and Me

Age: Walking to 3 years

Fun, upbeat class where the young walking dancer and adult caregiver engage in a variety of music and movement as a bonding activity. **Dress in comfortable clothes that are easy to move in. Please no boots or cros.** Dancers are invited to participate in end of season showcase on June 4th.

Location: Hillcrest Rec Building, RM A  
 Instructor: Mo Olason Min/Max: 5/14

Code	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6730	Apr 2-23	Thu	9:25-9:55am	\$40
6731	Apr 30-Jun 4	Thu	9:25-9:55am	\$70*

\*includes Showcase Registration

## Pre-School Ballet and Tap

Age: 3-5 years

Instill a love of dance while focusing on fun, self-confidence, coordination, musicality, and classroom socialization. **Ballet and tap shoes, dance attire (leotards and tights) required, and hair neatly secured. Dancers must enter the class independently. Parents are invited in for the last 5 min.** Dancers are invited to participate in end of season showcase on June 4th.

Location: Hillcrest Rec Building, RM B  
 Instructor: Mo Olason Min/Max: 5/14

Code	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6735	Apr 2-23	Thu	10-10:45am	\$52
6737	Apr 2-23	Thu	10:50-11:35am	\$52
6736	Apr 30-Jun 4	Thu	10-10:45am	\$88*

\*includes Showcase Registration

6738	Apr 30-Jun 4	Thu	10:50-11:35am	\$88*
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\*includes Showcase Registration

## Ballet & Tap

Age: 4-6 years

Beginner's dance class using imagination and dance games to learn dance skills. Please wear clothes that are easy to move in. **Ballet and Tap shoes required.**

Location: Hillcrest Rec Building, RM B  
 Instructor: Amy Hansen Min/Max: 4/12

Code	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6724	Apr 14-Jun 16	Tue	3:45-4:30pm	\$100
6725	Jul 7-Aug 11	Tue	3:45-4:30pm	\$60

## Ballet & Tap

Age: 7-10 years

Learn dance basics in a fun and engaging way. Wear clothes that are easy to move in, standard ballet dress preferred (leotard and tights). **Ballet and Tap shoes required.**

Location: Hillcrest Rec Building, RM B  
 Instructor: Amy Hansen Min/Max: 4/12

Code	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6718	Apr 14-Jun 16	Tue	4:45-5:45pm	\$120
6728	Jul 7-Aug 11	Tue	4:45-5:45pm	\$72



# Youth Programs

## Homeschool Ballet/Tap

Age: 8-13 years

Beginner/intermediate dance class. **Ballet and Tap shoes are required.**

Location: Hillcrest Rec Building, RM B

Instructor: Amy Hansen Min/Max: 4/12

Code	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6718	Apr 14-Jun 16	Tue	1-2pm	\$120
6719	Jul 7-Aug 11	Tue	1-2pm	\$72



## Homeschool Hip Hop

Age: 4-8 years

Fun, high energy class. Learn beginner hip hop steps and learn choreography to popular music. Please wear clothes that are easy to move in.

Location: Hillcrest Rec Building, RM B

Instructor: Amy Hansen Min/Max: 4/12

6721	Apr 14-Jun 16	Tue	2:15-3pm	\$100
6722	Jul 7-Aug 11	Tue	2:15-3pm	\$60

## Around the World Dance Camp

Age: 6-12 years

Learn about 4 different countries through dance, games, & crafts by taking virtual field trips to each country. On the last day, dancers will show parents the dances they've learned.

Location: Hillcrest Rec Building, RM B

Instructor: Amy Hanse Min/Max: 4/12

Code	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6711	Jun 29-Jul 2	M-Th	1:30-4:30pm	\$150



## The Greatest Show- Circus Dance Camp

Age: 6-12 years

Learn new dance moves, tumbling skills, and games to perform circus themed dances.

Location: Hillcrest Rec Building, RM B

Instructor: Amy Hansen Min/Max: 4/12

Code	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6712	Aug 17-20	M-Th	1:30-4:30pm	\$150



# WE ARE HIRING



Join the Parks & Recreation Department this summer. If you're interested in Parks Maintenance or Recreation, we have the jobs for you! Check out available position on our city website at [www.mountvernonwa.gov](http://www.mountvernonwa.gov), under the City Services tab; Job Postings. Or simply scan the QR code above.

# Teen & Adult Programs

## Restorative Sound Bath

Age: 13+ years

Immersive listening experience you must feel to truly believe, with breath work and listening to instruments whose frequencies assist the body in reaching a state of relaxation. Bring whatever you need to feel comfortable lying or sitting on the floor i.e. yoga mats, blankets, pillows etc. **\*Doors close promptly at the start time, late arrivals unfortunately cannot be let in.**

Location: Hillcrest Rec Building, RM A

Instructor: Savannah Powers Min/Max: 8/30

Code	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6706	Apr 10	Fri	7-8pm	\$30
6707	May 8	Fri	7-8pm	\$30
6708	Jun 12	Fri	7-8pm	\$30
6709	Jul 10	Fri	7-8pm	\$30



## Basic First Aid/CPR/AED Certification

Age: 12+ years

Training and certification in first aid, CPR, and AED.

Location: Hillcrest Rec Building, Rm A

Instructor: Sheila Davis Min/Max: 10/20

Code	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6702	Mar 16	Mon	5-9pm	\$85
6703	May 21	Thu	5-9pm	\$85
6704	Jul 9	Thu	5-9pm	\$85



## Beginner to Easy Intermediate Clogging

Age: 15+ years

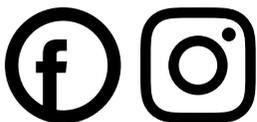
Learn basic footwork, timing, and simple step patterns in a supportive, low-pressure environment. No prior dance experience is needed... just comfortable shoes, a willingness to move, and a sense of fun!

Location: Hillcrest Rec Building, RM B

Instructor: Patsy Strachila Min/Max: 2/20

Code	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6805	Apr 7-28	Tue	9-11:30am	\$20
6806	May 5-26	Tue	9-11:30am	\$20
6810	Sep 1-22	Tue	9-11:30am	\$20

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# Teen & Adult Programs

## Tai Chi for Health

Age: 15+ years

Traditional Chinese exercise that has been a daily prescription for health and longevity for hundreds of years. Focus on balance, posture, relaxation, breathing, visual, and mental concentration. Wear loose fitting clothing.

Location: Hillcrest Rec Building, RM A

Instructor: Bob Shapiro Min/Max: 8/12

Code	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6793	Mar 3-Apr 21	Tue	6-7:15pm	\$85
6794	Apr 28-Jun 16	Tue	6-7:15pm	\$85



## Tai Chi/Qigong Foundations for Everybody

Age: 15+ years

Learn a simplified series of movements based on Tai Chi principles. An excellent introduction for those who are interested in Tai Chi or Qigong, and a great option for practitioners who wish to deepen their understanding of Qigong. Wear loose fitting clothing.

Location: Hillcrest Rec Building, RM A

Instructor: Bob Shapiro Min/Max: 8/14

Code	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6796	Mar 6-Apr 24	Fri	10-11:15am	\$85
6797	May 1-Jun 26*	Fri	10-11:15am	\$85

\*No class June 19

## SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS Cascadia Clubhouse

Age: 18+ years

Cascadia Clubhouse is a nonprofit activities program that serves adults with developmental disabilities in Skagit County. Our mission is to build an equitable community for adults with developmental disabilities by fostering social connections and personal growth through the arts, recreational activities, and enrichment programming. Our activities are always changing but include art, karaoke, bingo, healthy snacks, science experiments, monthly dances, drama, glee, community volunteering, and a monthly community dance.



**To learn more and to register for Cascadia Clubhouse -**

**<https://cascadiclubhouse.org/>**

Location: Hillcrest Park Min/Max: 5/25

**Mondays & Wednesdays 8:30am - 4pm**

**Dance Party:** 4th Thursday of each month  
5:30 – 8pm

**Monthly Board Meetings:** open to the public  
2nd Monday of each month 4:30 - 6:00pm



# Adult Programs



## Less Stress, More Ease with Mindfulness

Age: 18+ years

Mindfulness helps reduce stress, anxiety, negative emotions, and cultivates wellbeing. With hands-on practical exercises, and guided meditation practices, learn the tools to increase calming. Bring a blanket or cushion to stay cozy during class.

Location: Hillcrest Rec Building, RM A

Instructor: Sonia Sahay

Min/Max: 6/16

Code	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6710	Apr 9-30	Thu	6:30-8pm	\$100

## Photographic Fundamentals

Age: 18+ years

Unlock the full potential of your camera! Master the basics of exposure, discover how to freeze or create motion in your shots, and learn the secrets of choosing the perfect shutter speed, lens, and composition. Find your go-to settings to match your unique style and elevate the stories your photos tell.

Location: Vaux Retreat Center

Instructor: Brad Weeks

Min/Max: 2/10

Code	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6763	Jul 1-8	Wed	6-8pm	\$45



## Advanced Photographic Fundamentals

Age: 18+ years

Discover how to push your camera to its limits and capture stunning photos! Learn to master low-light photography, fix exposure issues, and make colors and subjects pop. Explore the creative possibilities of lens effects and choose the perfect lens to achieve your desired look.

Location: Vaux Retreat Center

Instructor: Brad Weeks

Min/Max: 2/10

Code	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6764	Jul 22-29	Wed	6-8pm	\$45

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# Adult Programs

## ART CLASSES

**Saturdays, 1-3:00pm**

Location: Hillcrest Recreation Building  
 Instructor: Kathy Hovde Min/Max: 5/15  
 \$40 per course (All materials provided for all courses)



### Watercolor Wonders

Age: 18+ years

Focused primarily on watercolor techniques, landscapes, and traditional watercolor studies.

Location: Hillcrest Rec Building, RM A  
 Instructor: Katherine Hovde Min/Max: 5/15

Code	Date	Class Title
6750	Apr 4	Beginning/Intermediate Watercolor
6751	May 2	Beginning/Intermediate Watercolor
6752	Jun 6	Beginning/Intermediate Watercolor
6753	Jul 11	Beginning/Intermediate Watercolor
6754	Aug 1	Beginning/Intermediate Watercolor
6755	Sep 5	Beginning/Intermediate Watercolor



### Paint & Pastels

Age: 18+ years

Capture vibrant fields of flowers using pastel and paint. Explore petals, stems, and sweeping color with expressive, Impressionist-inspired techniques.

Location: Hillcrest Rec Building, RM A  
 Instructor: Katherine Hovde Min/Max: 5/15

Code	Date	Class Title
6756	Jun 13	Flores De Colores
6757	Aug 8	Flores De Colores

### Paint & Mixed Media

Age: 18+ years

Themed around animals and nature, emphasizing character and form using drawing and painting.

Location: Hillcrest Rec Building, Room A  
 Instructor: Katherine Hovde Min/Max: 5/15

Code	Date	Class Title
6747	Apr 18	Sumi Ink Landscape
6748	May 16	Drawing Animals
6749	May 30	Pencil & Pastel Portrait

### Seasonal Landscapes

Age: 18+ years

Highlight seasonal scenes and natural inspiration with a combination of techniques.

Location: Hillcrest Rec Building, Room A  
 Instructor: Katherine Hovde Min/Max: 5/15

Code	Date	Class Title
6758	Jun 20	Mountain Escape
6759	Jul 18	Boats & Beaches
6760	Aug 15	Bounty of Summer
6761	Sep 19	Fall Leaves & Apple Cider

**Youth Participation Policy:** Children 9+ years may attend with approval from the MVPR Office and only when accompanied by a supervising adult. Supervising adult must remain in the class for the duration and may only supervise up to 2 children per class. If supervising adult is participating, both adult and child must register separately.

# Dog Obedience

## Puppy Bootcamp

Age: 18+ years

Puppies will master social skills, good manners, and essential commands in a fun and engaging way. Discover expert tips to curb jumping, nipping, and biting, tackle potty training like a pro, and use kind, techniques to prevent bad habits from taking root.

Location: Hillcrest Rec Building, RM B

Instructor: Carmen Williams Min/Max: 6/8

### Medium-Large Breed:

Code	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6765	Mar 7-Apr 4	Sat	11-12pm	\$130
6766	Apr 1-29	Wed	6-7pm	\$130
6767	Jul 15-Aug 12	Wed	6-7pm	\$130

### Small - Medium Breed:

6768	May 6-Jun 3	Wed	6-7pm	\$130
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## Basic Training

Age: 18+ years

Dogs 8+ months new to training, this class teaches focus, recall, and essential commands like sit, down, stay, leave it, and park it using both hand signals and verbal cues. Ideal for dogs who are at ease around people and other pups!

Location: Hillcrest Rec Building, RM B

Instructor: Carmen Williams  
Min/Max: 6/6 (Med- Large) 6/8 (Small-Med)

### Medium-Large Breed:

Code	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6769	Mar 22-Apr 19	Sun	11am-12pm	\$140
6770	Jun 10-Jul 8	Wed	6-7pm	\$140

### Small - Medium Breed:

6771	Aug 19-Sep 16	Wed	6-7pm	\$140
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## Doggie Tune Up

Age: 18+ years

Refresher class to strengthen skills by adding distance, duration, and distractions. Sharpen recall, stay, and walking techniques while addressing problem behaviors. Friendly, socialized dogs of all sizes and ages are welcome!

Location: Hillcrest Rec Building, RM B

Instructor: Carmen Williams Min/Max: 6/6

Code	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6772	Apr 26	Sun	11am- 12:30pm	\$30
6773	Jun 7	Sun	11am-12:30pm	\$30
6774	Aug 2	Sun	2-3:30pm	\$30

## Doggie Middle School

Age: 18+ years

Strengthen recall, leash walking, and handling skills while exploring target stick training and non-verbal communication techniques. Prepare for the AKC CGC test with hands-on practice. Open to well-socialized dogs with basic command knowledge and prior training experience.

Location: Hillcrest Rec Building, RM B

Instructor: Carmen Williams Min/Max: 6/8

Code	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6775	May 9-23	Sat	11am-12pm	\$80
6776	Jun 13-27	Sat	11am-12pm	\$80

## Puppy Quick Start

Age: 18+ years

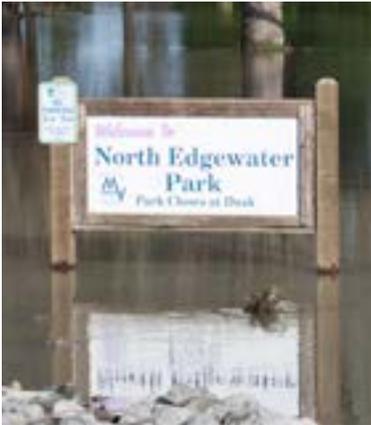
90 minute workshop focusing on practical, low-stress guidance for understanding and correcting common puppy behaviors while building trust and connection. Covering nipping, chewing, jumping, potty training, recall, and early socialization.

Location: Hillcrest Rec Building, RM B

Instructor: Carmen Williams Min/Max: 6/8

Code	Date	Day	Time	Fee
6777	May 10	Sun	11am-12:30pm	\$30
6778	Jun 14	Sun	11am-12:30pm	\$30
6779	Jul 12	Sun	11am-12:30pm	\$30

# What's New in Parks



## PARKS ROLE IN FLOOD FIGHT AND RECOVERY

As information is received regarding potential flooding in Mount Vernon, the Parks and Recreation Department takes a series of proactive steps to ensure City facilities and parks are prepared and protected.

### Pre-Flood Preparation Measures

- Prepare Edgewater, the Riverwalk and Riverwalk Park, Lions Park, and North Lions Park for potential floodwaters by:
  - › Closing and protecting playgrounds from water and debris
  - › Barricading and fencing off potentially hazardous areas
- Assist Public Works with installation of the flood wall along the Riverwalk
- Protect other City assets as needed

### Post-Flood Recovery and Cleanup

Once floodwaters recede, cleanup and restoration efforts begin. Depending on the severity of the flooding and the extent of the impact, full restoration may take several weeks.

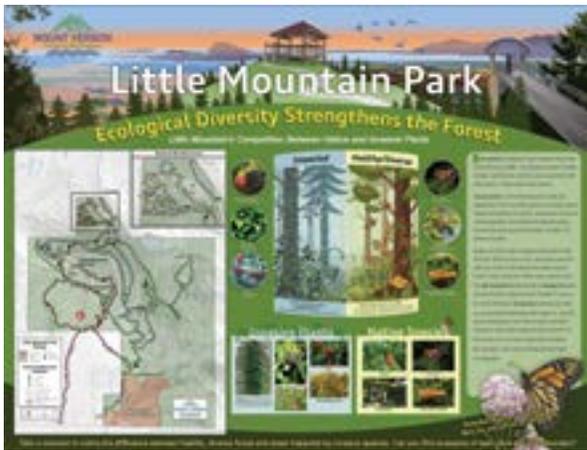
- Demobilization of the flood wall, including:
  - › Coordinating with other departments for removal
  - › Cleaning each flood wall component for proper storage
  - › Removing silt and debris from the Riverwalk and railings
- Assessing park properties:
  - › Removing and replacing engineered wood fiber in flooded playgrounds
  - › Conducting playground inspections to identify structural damage or safety concerns
- Cleaning and conducting safety assessments at the boat launch
- Managing staffing impacts due to overtime and the addition of flood-related duties to regular operations

We appreciate the patience and understanding of our residents during and after a flood event. Our teams work diligently to restore all affected areas to pre-flood conditions ensuring parks and pathways are safe and ready for public use.

## What's New in Parks

### LITTLE MOUNTAIN PARK SIGNS

COMING SOON - Look for 4 new interpretive signs throughout Little Mountain Park. Working with the City's GIS department we developed an updated trail map, featuring local environmental information provided by our very own Recreation Coordinator; Brooke Ahlegian-Pressly. Each sign includes a "You Are Here" mark to help park users identify their location within the park, and educational information pertaining to animals that frequent the park, ecological diversity and the impact on the forest, or the diverse bird population you might see in the area.



### EMMA JARVIS GARDEN SIGN

With help from Gerry Douglas of the Tulip Valley Gardeners, a new sign detailing the history of the Emma Jarvis Garden will be installed in downtown Mount Vernon. Learn about the early beginnings, why it is named the Emma Jarvis Garden, and the employee and volunteer hours contributing to the restoration and enhancement of the location to the vibrant community garden it is today. Be sure to stop by to enjoy the garden and check out the beautiful new sign.

### LITTLE MOUNTAIN VAULT TOILET

**COMING THIS SPRING!!** Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation is excited to announce the installation of a new restroom at Little Mountain Park near the summit parking lot. This much-needed facility is being funded through a combination of tax dollars and a generous donation from Meet the Need, helping to enhance visitor comfort and accessibility at the park.



# Rental Facilities

## INDOOR FACILITIES



### Hillcrest Park Lodge

3,142 square foot log cabin has an open floor plan, open ceilings with exposed beams, a large kitchen, and a gated patio.

Maximum Capacity: 150



### Bakerview Park Vaux Retreat Center

Intimate open space, perfect for meetings, staff retreats, family gatherings, and other small events.

Maximum Capacity: 30

Facility	Maximum Capacity	Resident & Non-Profit Rate Mon-Thur	Non-Resident Rate Mon-Thur	Resident & Non-Profit Rate Fri - Sun	Non-Resident Rate Fri - Sun	Security Deposit No Alcohol	Security Deposit Alcohol
Hillcrest Park Lodge	150	\$45 per hr (2 hr min)	\$55 per hr (2 hr min)	\$55 per hr (10 hr min)	\$65 per hr (10 hr min)	\$300	\$750
Bakerview Park Vaux Retreat Center	30	\$20 per hr (2 hr min)	\$30 per hr (2 hr min)	\$25 per hr (5 hr min)	\$35 per hr (5 hr min)	\$150	NA

\*All prices subject to change.

Please contact the Mount Vernon Parks & Recreation Department to reserve these facilities at (360) 336-6215.

## FIELD RENTALS

The City of Mount Vernon has athletic fields available to rent. Fields are assigned on a priority basis, after review of seasonal requests. For more information on the field reservation process, please contact our office at [mvparks@mountvernonwa.gov](mailto:mvparks@mountvernonwa.gov) or by calling (360) 336-6215.



## OUTDOOR FACILITIES

Outdoor shelters are available for rent year round. Shelters offer various amenities, such as picnic tables, lights, and electricity and are the perfect setting for a birthday party, baby shower, family picnic, and more!



**Lions Park Shelter**

Maximum Capacity: 20



**Hillcrest Park Southside Shelter**

Maximum Capacity: 20



**Hillcrest Park North View Shelter**

Maximum Capacity: 20



**Hillcrest Park Gazebo**

Maximum Capacity: 50



**Hillcrest Park Woodland Shelter**

Maximum Capacity: 40

For more information on rental facilities or to reserve space for your event, contact our office at (360) 336-6215 or email [mvparks@mountvernonwa.gov](mailto:mvparks@mountvernonwa.gov)

Park	Maximum Capacity	Resident Rate	Non-Resident Rate	Amenities
Hillcrest Park Gazebo	50	\$50	\$75	8 tables lights/electricity
Hilcrest Park Woodland Shelter	40	\$50	\$75	6 tables electricity
Hillcrest Park North View Shelter	20	\$35	\$50	2 tables electricity
Hillcrest Park Sounth View Shelter	20	\$35	\$50	2 tables electricity
Lions Park Shelter	20	\$35	\$50	2 tables

\*All prices subject to change.

Bonnie Rae Park 

# Pea Patch Community Garden

Presorted  
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Mt. Vernon, WA  
Permit #34

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15  
Plots

6788  
Fee \$40

Grow your own food, connect with neighbors, and enjoy the benefits of gardening at the Bonnie Rae Pea Patch!

Garden plots are available on a first-come, first-served basis and include standard in-ground plots (12' x 12') as well as ADA-accessible raised beds (5' x 15')

Gardening season runs from April 1 through October 31

Limit: one plot per household

Plot renters must be 16 years or older and reside within the City of Mount Vernon

**Mandatory community meeting and garden party on March 28**

For full guidelines, expectations, and additional details, download the Pea Patch Information Packet at [www.mountvernonwa.gov/parks](http://www.mountvernonwa.gov/parks).