

# Madison County Parks and Recreation

What a difference a year makes! This time last year, fall sports were well underway and we were planning for Halloween events.

This year is so remarkably different. With no team sports set to begin in 2020, our staff has been busy working with the community to bring programs and activities to Hoover Ridge.

## Fall Programs

A survey sent out to MCPRA families in August led to several new programs opening at Hoover Ridge. Yoga, instructed by MCHS graduate and MCPRA employee Kaylan Boone, debuted for the first time in September. The program is open to all ages.

Play60, an elementary-aged program designed to keep children moving for 60 minutes, also debuted in September. This program is for children Kindergarten through 5th Grade. Participants ran obstacle courses, played



hide-and-seek, went on scavenger hunts, and played a variety of other games to promote fitness.

## Movies in the Park

We have been excited for the return of our Movies in the Park! Thanks to sponsorships from local businesses—Miranda’s Restaurant, Subway, Over the Top Chef, Artale Bookkeeping & Payroll Services, Artale Properties, and John Jenkins—we have been able to continue to show these movies for free. To comply with social distancing requirements, families set up their seats and blankets in an 8’x8’ square painted on the ground. The spacing allows families the opportunity to enjoy a night out without

the worry in being too close to other families in complying with COVID-19 Restrictions.

## New Stuff!

If you’ve walked around the park, you can’t miss some re-

cent upgrades! Thanks to donations from the Woman’s Club of Madison, MWP Blue Ridge Building Supply, and Support Hoover Ridge, we have built two small picnic shelters. One shelter is by the pond, and the other is next to the sand volleyball court. Charcoal grills have also been installed next to each new shelter, next to the Carpenter Pavilion, and in the woods at Camp Crockett. New shelters will also be available for reservations soon!



Our event area at the Performing Arts Stage has also been upgraded. This area now features outdoor lighting. The lights will make it safer for our Music and Movies in the Park events, S’mores with Santa, and any other events we have in the area.

As always, thank you for your continued support of Madison Parks and Recreation. We are \*still\* excited for 2020!

## ACTIVITIES IN THE CLORE TRAILS

**\*\* [www.hooveridge.com](http://www.hooveridge.com) for more information \*\***

### Battle of the Villains October 2020

#### Inner Loop Clore Trails

Twelve of the worst Disney Villains have escaped the dungeon in Far, Far Away! They are hiding out in the Clore Trails at Hoover Ridge! See if you can find them all. Information Packets can be found online and at the P&R office. Costumes welcome!

### StoryWalk® November 2020

#### Inner Loop, Clore Trails

Beginning in November, the Inner Loop of the Clore Trails will host a StoryWalk®, where we’ll spread out pages of a book for your family to read as you walk through the trail. We will feature a new book each month. Activity is sponsored by Realtor Cindy Reed.

### The Oregon Trail® November 2020

#### Outer Loop, Clore Trails

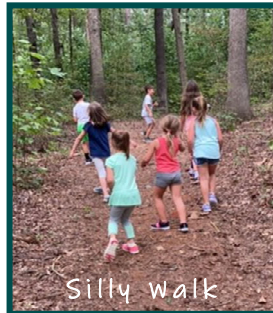
We are bringing back this childhood favorite computer game with our very own “Oregon Trail”. Compete with family or friends or travel as a group trying to navigate your way through a series of hardships and calamities. Never the same game twice!

MCPRA NEWSLETTER

# Important Dates

## OCTOBER

- 1 100-Mile Challenge Begins, Battle of the Villains Begins, October Clinics Begin
- 16 Music in the Park—The Worx
- 23 Friday Night Lights (MCHS SCA Event)
- 30 Movies in the Park—HalloweenFest featuring The Addams Family (2019)



## NOVEMBER

- 1 November Clinics Begin, StoryWalk®, The Oregon Trail®
- 4 Coat Drive Drop-Off Ends
- 7 Coat Drive Event—Antioch Baptist Church
- 21 Holiday Hustle 5K (TBA) - MCHS SCA
- 25-27 Parks and Rec Offices Closed, No Clinics Week of Thanksgiving

## DECEMBER

- 1 December Clinics Begin, StoryWalk®, Mission Impossible: Saving Santa (Scavenger Hunt) Begins
- 12 S'mores with Santa
- 24-25 Parks and Rec Offices Closed
- 31 100-Mile Challenge Ends

## Winter Clinics

We are working diligently to continue to provide activities for our community through the winter months. While we will not have Youth Team Sports through December 2020 at the earliest, we are providing clinics. Please go to [www.hooverridge.com](http://www.hooverridge.com) to register in our all-new Camp and Class Manager. Due to a lack of facilities, there will be no indoor sports through May 2021.

# OREGON TRAIL

## ADAPTED FROM CLASSIC COMPUTER GAME!

Your crew must survive the Oregon Trail! Your quest will begin in Independence, Missouri (Camp Crockett). There, you will gather needed supplies and mark them on your score card. You'll begin your journey through the Oregon Trail (Mountaineer Trail) to reach Williamette Valley, Oregon. You must stop at every trail card and follow instructions. Some cards will give you supplies, some take away supplies, some may end in sickness or death of someone on your crew. Your job is to make it safely through the trail with as many left in your crew as possible.

If you run out of supplies, there are forts along the trail where you can collect supplies.

This game will keep you competitive, active, and will challenge your resolve. Better yet, you can play multiple times and never have the same game twice! Grab your friends and compete against each other, or take your family and try to all make it through together!

Share photos of your journey with us!  
#isurvivedoregontrailathooverridge



## MOVIES IN THE PARK—THE ADDAMS FAMILY Friday, October 30

Join us for some Halloween fun! Put on your costumes for our Halloween showcase, then join us for a movie! Halloween baskets full of candy will be given to each child.

## S'MORES WITH SANTA Saturday, December 12

We will be bringing back this holiday favorite! There will be many changes, but we will make this just as special for your family! Santa will be in attendance, and children will be able to leave Santa messages.