



WINTER 23-24 PROGRAM & EVENTS GUIDE



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BLUFFTONPARKS

SPORTS & WELLNESS



[Santa Run, Dec. 24 \(9 am\)](#)

FREE 5K /1 Mile Fun Run on Christmas Eve morning. Meet at the Bluffton City Gym. Santa attire encouraged! Donuts after your run.

[Weekday Walking, Weekdays Dec, Jan, Feb, \(8:30-10:30\)](#)

Escape the cold weather and get your steps inside the Bluffton City Gym. 20 laps per mile. Free.

[Wells Winter 100 Mile Challenge](#)

Join our virtual challenge and commit to run or walk 100 miles between Jan. 1 and the first day of spring!

[Chilly Chili Trail Run, Feb. 3 \(10 am\)](#)

3 or 5-mile trail run at Ouabache State Park. Registration required.

[Rock Steady Boxing, MWF 10:30-11:30 am.](#)

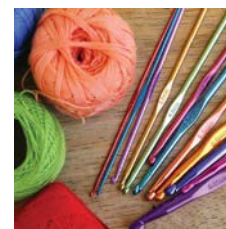


Boxing inspired a fitness curriculum for people living with Parkinson's Disease. Classes meet on Mon, Wed, Fri. from 10-30-11:30. Call 260-824-6069 for more information.

ART & CULTURE



[Hooked on Crochet, Jan. 11, 18, 25 \(5:30 pm\) \\$20](#)



Call 824-6069 to pre-register.

[Gingerbread House Decorating Contest, Nov. 27 – Dec.8th](#) Prizes in adult and youth categories.

Entries must be delivered to City Hall (128 E Market) Nov 27th - Dec 8th between 8am-4:30pm.



[Theater Thursdays, Dec. 21, Jan. 18, Feb. 15th](#)

Bluffton Parks Department and Wells County Public Library have partnered together to offer a FREE monthly movie for Adults. The movie will be shown at 10AM at the Wells County Public Library. This is a year-round event that is on the 3rd Thursday of every month

YOUTH.



Toddler Time, Tuesdays & Thursdays (11-12)

The Bluffton City Gym is open for you to bring your tots and burn off some energy. Free, drop-in (not staff facilitated) program that gives you access to a large open space for kids to run around in.

Open Gym, Nov 2 - March

Supervised gym time for kids K-12th grade. Monday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday from 3:30-6 pm. Parents must fill out permission slip on first visit. Free

Indoor Snowball Fight, Dec. 5



5:30-6:30pm Bluffton City Gym Children ages 6-16 yrs. FREE! It's time for a snowball fight! Pre-register your child by emailing events@blufftonindiana.gov or call 824-6069.

YOUTH.

Santa's Mailbox (letters due by 8:00am Dec. 8)

Mailbox is located on the front steps of the City Hall building Nov. 22nd - Dec. 8th. This is open to Wells County Residence only, and we cannot accept letters from the schools. This is a free service, and no postage is needed.

Toddler Storytime with Mrs. Claus, Dec. 14 (11am)



Toddlers are invited to listen to stories being told by Mrs. Claus and take part in some fun winter craft activities and a bounce house!

Winter Wonderland, Dec 14 (5:30-7pm)

Bring the kids to play games, visit Santa and jump in

Giant Stocking Coloring Contest,

Due by Dec. 15. Download picture at:
<https://blufftonindiana.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Giant-Stocking-coloring-contest-2023.pdf>

Hue Can Paint, Jan 30 (6-7:45)

Step by step instructions from a local artist to create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece. Must call 824-6069 to pre-register. \$15

Search for Santa's Helper Dec. 4th-20th

Children ages 12 and under need to take a selfie when they find a photo of Peppermint the Elf in one of the parks and share it to the Bluffton Parks

YOUTH.

Daddy Daughter Dance: To the Moon and Back

Sunday, February 18th at the 4-H Community Building from 6-8PM (Doors open 15 mins before). Purchase tickets online at:
<https://blufftonindiana.net/parks-department/> starting in January. Prices are \$10 dad and \$5 daughter. Join us for an evening under the stars! Includes Dancing, refreshments, and a photo area for the Dads and their Daughters. Make the night "out of this world" by dressing in Space themed attire or wearing the color gold.

Mother Son Nerf War: Alien Invasion



Mother / Son Nerf Wars: Alien Invasion February 18th 2-3:30pm At the 4-H community building from 2-3:30pm.(Doors open 15 mins before). Purchase tickets online at:
<https://blufftonindiana.net/parks-department/> starting in January. Prices are \$10 mom and \$5 son and will include fun Nerf games where mothers and sons will face off in an epic Nerf battle, refreshments, and a photo area. Space themed attire or wearing Green is encouraged. Bring your own Nerf guns that take regular size bullets with your names labeled on them, and safety glasses! No bullets needed; they will be provided. If your gun takes batteries, please bring extra

COMMUNITY



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Positivi-Tree, Dec 1-31

Celebrate all that was good in 2023 by helping us decorate our Holiday Pine Tree at Pickett's Run Parks. Write your positive messages on a plastic ornament and hang them on our tree throughout the month of December.



Farm Wagon, Dec 5,12,19 (9am)

The Community Harvest Farm Wagon visits Life Community Church every Tuesday to give FREE food to families in need. Call 824-6069 for more information.

COMMUNITY

Paws and Claus, Dec 13 (5:30-7pm)



PAWS AND CLAUS

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Bluffton City Gym



Bring your pet to visit Santa in the Bluffton City Gym! Photos with Santa :). Free.

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Summer 2024 Job Applications, Jan 1-Feb 22

Summer jobs applications accepted Jan. 1 through Feb. 22. Download the application at:

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