Canoe Trip

Have you ever wondered what the backwaters of the Mississippi River have to offer? Now’s your chance to find out. Come along as we tour the backwaters by canoe. The group will start with life jacket fitting, proper canoe instructions, and safety rules. All necessary equipment is provided. Registration is open to 18 people per session; please register everyone in your group who will be in a canoe. You must be 5 or older, and anyone under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. The canoe trip is $10 per person and will be on July 21 at Hazen P. Mooer Park. The first group outing runs from 9:30-11:00 a.m. and the second group canoes from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Kids Race Series: Duathlon

Join Woodbury and Cottage Grove Parks and Recreation as we partner to offer the annual Kids Race Series. All routes will be staffed and marked to aid in a successful run. We ask that all participants arrive on time for directions given at the starting line. Participants receive a t-shirt and drink at each race. Pre-register to secure your spot; “day of” registrations will be accepted if space is available. The races are designed for youth ages 6 to 12 years old. The Duathlon race begins promptly at 9:15 a.m. Racers test their endurance by biking two miles and running one mile along the trails of Colby Lake Park. Participants must bring their own bike, a proper fitting bike helmet and athletic shoes. The duathlon is $15 and is for ages 6-12. It will be on July 20 at 9:00 a.m. at Colby Lake Park in Woodbury.

Neighborhood Pond Dipping

East Metro Watershed educators will team-up with City of Cottage Grove staff to host a family-friendly event to explore and learn more about our local ponds. Discover natural plants and the role these plants play in providing habitat and filter-pollution from our waters. We’ll also use dip nets to get a closer look at the tiny critters that are living in the lake. No prior registration is required. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. The event is at Highlands Park on July 17 starting at 6:30 p.m.

Skateboard Competition

This summer, 3rd Lair will host a skateboard competition at various skate parks in Minnesota, including Hamlet Park. This event will consist of four divisions (8 and under, ages 9-12, 13 and up, and expert). It’s going to be a great and free event for all levels of skateboarders. Organizers will add in more fun in the evening; a DJ will entertain the crowd and there will be an awards ceremony with prizes. The event is at Hamlet Park on July 26 at 5:00 p.m. and you can register on site.

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Night to Unite Scheduled for August 6th; Register Now

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Door-to-Door Solicitors: What You Need to Know

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Celebrating the Arts in Cottage Grove

Are you an artist or poet looking to show off your work? Submit your work to the Arts Commission’s new Public Art on Display program! Starting in October, the Arts Commission will review submitted works and will display the winning submissions in City Hall conference rooms. The winning artists will also be featured on the City’s social media accounts and website.

Golf at River Oaks is even more exciting now. Test your luck on Hole 16 for a chance to win either a $10,000 or $20,000 prize. All you need is a hole in one! Make sure you ask an employee in the Pro Shop for details.

Come sit on our patio and enjoy a beautiful view of the Mississippi River. The Eagles Bar & Grill is open every day (weather permitting) with a full menu. We are always open Friday and Saturday nights from 3-9 p.m., no matter what.

Our bocce ball courts are open for everybody! Call 651-438-2121, extension 2, to reserve a time slot, or just stop in to The Eagles Bar & Grill and they’ll get you on an open court if possible.

Planning a small group outing or want a great deal on golf at River Oaks? We offer a 16 pack deal which saves you 30% off regular prices. You will receive 16 cards valid for one round of golf with a cart and an entrée. To use, bring in the card and enjoy your entrée either before or after your round of golf. Entrée card must be used the same day you golf. You can use them all at once or over the course of the golf season.

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