

FALL 2025

MARION FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CENTER PROGRAM GUIDE

SEPT. 15–NOV. 22
Registration opens Sept. 9



THE CITY OF
COLUMBUS
RECREATION AND PARKS

Crystal R. Carrera,
Center Manager
(614) 645-3160

2801 Lockbourne Rd.
Columbus, OH 43207

Sunday
Closed

Monday
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Tuesday
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Wednesday
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Opens **Tuesday, September 9**
at 12:30 p.m. Programs run
September 15 - November
22. Scan below to register.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSURES

- **Indigenous Peoples' Day:**
Monday, October 13
- **Veteran's Day:**
Tuesday, November 11
- **Thanksgiving Holiday:**
Thursday, November 27
- **Christmas Holiday:**
Thursday, December 25
- **New Year's Holiday:**
Thursday, January 1

AFTERSCHOOL REC CLUB

ARC provides academic assistance as well as a safe place to do homework, play games and enjoy other enrichment activities. Programming begins September 2, 2025 and will be held Monday through Friday from 3:30 p.m.- 6 p.m.

NEW & EXCITING PROGRAMS

- BACA Cheerleading
- Teen Hip Hop Dance
- Ballroom Dancing

VOICES WELLNESS SPACE EVENT

An evening of wellness activities designed to nurture well-being and strengthen connections within the community.
Thursday, October 9, 2025.
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

YOUTH HARVEST FEST

Come dressed in your favorite costume and enjoy Games, Candy and Fun.
Thursday, October 23, 2025,
5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.



50+ THANKSGIVING MEAL GIVE-AWAY

Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. Please register at the front desk: Deadline 11/14/2025.

YOUTH THANKSGIVING MEAL GIVE-AWAY

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YOUTH HOLIDAY MEAL GIVE-AWAY & PARTY

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50+ HOLIDAY SOCIAL

(Ugly Sweater Optional)
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Cost: \$15 (Includes Meal)

WINTER WONDERLAND DANCE RECITAL

Join us for our annual Winter Wonderland Dance Recital on Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 6:15 p.m.





ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

SPECIAL CENTER PROGRAMS

MOBILE PRODUCE MARKET

Ensuring access to fresh fruits and vegetables.

First Friday of the Month

2-4 p.m.

LATE NIGHT BASKETBALL

Every Tuesday from 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Admission is free, sign in at the front desk is required. Time schedule is dependent upon participation.

LIFECARE ALLIANCE MEALS – DINING SITE

Every Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursdays from
11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Must be registered to participate. Please call the center for more information.

BOYS EMPOWERMENT

Ages 11-17 years old

Tuesdays from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Our goal this Fall session is to begin to develop "Healthy Habits" with emphasizes on good nutrition, regular physical activity and improved overall well-being.

CHAT WITH THE NURSE: HEALTH IN THE NEWS

Every 2nd Tuesday of the Month

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Marion Franklin Community Center Library

Presented by Barbara Parker, R.N. of the
LifeCare Alliance Wellness Center.

GIRL POWER THROUGH LITERACY ACTIVITY

Ages 8-12 years old

September 30 & October 28, 2025

Topic: Financial Literacy: A girl's ability to understand how money works is the foundation of being able to provide for her own future. Helping girls and young women understand the difference between "wants" versus "needs" is a big part of learning about finances. safe space where self-esteem, confidence, self-image and purpose can be discussed, encouraged and modeled for young girls.

WALK WITH A DOC 2025 CELEBRATION

November 1, 2025 9 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.

End of Season Celebration at the Franklin Park
Adventure Center

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BREAKFAST & A MOVIE \$5

Marcus Theater
Pickerington, Ohio
9/16/25 at 9:00 a.m.

ALVIN AILEY II: THE NEXT GENERATION OF DANCE \$60

Davidson Theatre, Riffe Center
Downtown, Columbus
9/30/25 at 7:30 p.m.



AMISH COUNTRY TRIP \$50

Sugar Creek/Walnut Creek, Ohio
10/16/25 at 7:00 a.m.
Wine Tasting, shopping & Lunch at Der Dutchman

CIRCLEVILLE PUMPKIN SHOW \$10

Circleville, Ohio
10/17/25 at 10:00 a.m.
Hurry tickets will go fast!



SCAVENGER HUNT \$5

Columbus Area
10/29/25 at 9:30 a.m.
Join us to find Columbus' hidden gems.
This trip is for anyone looking for the best deals.

BREAKFAST & A MOVIE \$5

Marcus Theater
Pickerington, Ohio
11/18/25 at 9:00 a.m.

SHOPPING & LUNCH TRIP \$50

Cincinnati, Ohio
11/20/25 at 7:00 a.m.
Jungle Jim's International Market/Premium Outlet/Lunch

PLEASE REGISTER AND PAY FOR ALL TRIPS AT THE MARION FRANKLIN

Marion Franklin Community Center Fall Session 2025



MONDAY

Activenet	Class/Activity	Time	Instructor	Location
115530	Indoor Walking	8:00am-9:00am	M. Scott	Gymnasium
115545	Mental Boosters: Color, Cards & Conversation	9:00am-9:45am	Carrera/OSU	Room #150
115518	Brain Aerobics (Skill Building)	9:30am-10:00am	M. Scott	Library
115531	Line Dance (Intermediate) Progressive	9:30am-10:30am	Bettis	Gymnasium
115519	Chair Volleyball	9:30am-10:30am	Williams	Room #131
115526	Computer 101 Tech Help	10:00am-11:00am	Adams	Library
115525	Tai Chi (Intermediate) \$35 <i>Children of the Sun</i>	10:30am-11:30am	Green	Room #150
XXXXXX	Scrapbooking (Open Lab)	10:30am-2:30pm	Carrera	Room #104
115517	Bocca	11:00am-12:00pm	Edelbrock	Room #131
115528	Everyday Sign Language	11:00am-11:45am	Sheets	Library
115527	Documentary Mini Series (2 nd)	11:30am-12:30pm	Carrera	Lib/Canteen
115522	Tai Chi (Advanced) \$35 <i>Children of the Sun</i>	11:45am-12:45pm	Green	Room #150
115542	Basketball (\$10 Sports Pass Required) (A)	12:00pm-2:00pm	Sheets	Gymnasium
XXXXXX	No Sew Workshop	1:00pm-4:00pm	Open Lab	Canteen
115537	Open Cards & Board Games	1:00pm-4:30pm	Carrera	Room #150
115556	Underground Railroad (1 st /3 rd)	2:00pm-3:30pm	Mapp	Library
115513	Beginner Clay Class	2:00pm-4:00pm	Sheets	Auditorium

TUESDAY

115530	Indoor Walking	8:00am-9:00am	M. Scott	Gymnasium
115545	Mental Boosters: Color, Cards & Conversation	9:00am-9:45am	Carrera/OSU	Room #150
115515	Ab Workout (Medium Impact)	9:15am-10:15am	B. Smith	Multi-P Rm
115519	Chair Volleyball	9:30am-10:30am	Williams	Room #131
115534	National Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program	10:00am-11:00am	Parker, RN	Auditorium
115523	Tai Chi (Beginners I) \$35 <i>Children of the Sun</i>	10:30am-11:30am	D. Green	Room #150
XXXXXX	Lifecare Lunch Program (Registration Required)	11:00am-1:00pm	Sheets/Scott	Canteen
XXXXXX	AARP: Presentation (CTC)	11:15am-12:15pm	AARP	XXXXXX
115543	Bingo & Lunch (2 nd) Lifecare Alliance	11:15am-12:15pm	Peoples	Canteen
XXXXXX	The Conversation Project (2 nd) Lifecare Alliance	11:15am-12:15pm	Parker, RN	Appt. Only
115521	Chat w/the Nurse: Health in the News	11:15am-12:15pm	Parker, RN	Library
115524	Tai Chi (Beginners II) \$35 <i>Children of the Sun</i>	11:45am-12:45pm	Green	Room #150
115538	Pickleball (\$10 Sports Pass Required)	12:00pm-2:00pm	Sheets	Gymnasium
115532	Line Dance (A) 50+	1:00pm-2:00pm	Baker	Auditorium
115537	Open Cards	1:00pm-4:30pm	Staff	Room #150
115514	50+ Pottery Open Studio (\$20 studio fee)	2:00pm-4:00pm	Sheets	Room #104B
115580	Ballroom Dancing \$40 (A) (50+)	6:30pm-7:30pm	Chambers	Auditorium

WEDNESDAY

115530	Indoor Walking	8:00am-9:00am	M. Scott	Gymnasium
115545	Color, Cards & Conversation (Open)	8:30am-10:00am	Sheets	Room #150
115520	Chair Yoga	9:00am-9:45am	Sheets	Auditorium
115519	Chair Volleyball	9:30am-10:30am	Williams	Room #131
115531	Line Dance (Intermediate) <i>Progressive</i>	9:30am-11:00am	Bettis	Gymnasium
115525	Tai Chi (Intermediate) \$35 <i>Children of the Sun</i>	10:30am-11:30am	Green	Room #150
XXXXXX	Lifecare Lunch Program (Registration Required)	11:00am-1:00pm	Sheets/Scott	Canteen
115563	POKENO (2 nd) Lifecare Alliance	11:15am-12:15pm	McCormick	Canteen



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115522	Tai Chi (Advanced) \$35 <i>Children of the Sun</i>	11:45am-12:45pm	Green	Room #150
115542	Basketball (\$10 Sports Pass Required) (A)	12:00pm-2:00pm	Sheets	Gymnasium
115551	Old School Activities/Games (1 st)	12:30pm-2:30pm	Terri "tj" Lynn	Library
115544	Book Club (2 nd)	1:30pm-4:00pm	Carrera	Library
115537	Open Cards	1:00pm-4:30pm	Staff	Room #150
115516	Stained Glass (\$20)	2:00pm-4:00pm	Sheets	Room #104B
115567	Evening Line Dance (A)	6:00pm-7:30pm	Bettis	Gymnasium
115557	Xtreme Hip Hop Step Aerobics (A)	6:30pm-7:30pm	V. Jones	Auditorium

THURSDAY

115530	Indoor Walking	8:00am-9:00am	M. Scott	Gymnasium
115545	Mental Boosters: Color, Cards & Conversation	9:00am-9:45am	Sheets/OSU	Room #150
115515	Ab Workout (Medium Impact)	9:15am-10:15am	B. Smith	Gymnasium
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115534	National Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program	10:00am-11:00am	Parker, RN	Auditorium
115526	Computer 101 Tech Help	10:00am-11:00am	Adams	Library
115523	Tai Chi (Beginners I) \$35 <i>Children of the Sun</i>	10:30am-11:30am	Green	Room #150
XXXXXX	Lifecare Lunch Program (Registration Required)	11:00am-1:00pm	Sheets/Scott	Canteen
115536	Women's Empowerment: Nutrition Class	11:00am-12:00pm	A. Moore	Canteen
115524	Tai Chi (Beginners (II)) \$35 <i>Children of the Sun</i>	11:45am-12:45pm	Green	Room #150
115538	Pickleball (\$10 Sports Pass Required)	12:00pm-2:00pm	Sheets	Gymnasium
115577	Veterans Affairs (4 th)	12:30pm-1:30pm	Brown	Library
115532	Line Dance (A) 50+	1:00pm-2:00pm	Baker	Auditorium
XXXXXX	Columbus Speech & Hearing (2 nd) (Testing)	Appt. Only-(614 261-5453)	CS&HC	Library
115537	Open Cards	1:00pm-4:30pm	Staff	Room #150
115576	LevelUpLand: Gaming-Esports (A) (50+)	2:15pm-4:00pm	9/18 & 10/2	Auditorium
115514	50+ Pottery Open Studio (\$20 studio fee)	2:00pm-4:00pm	Sheets	Room #104
115580	Ballroom Dancing \$40 (A) (50+)	6:30pm-7:30pm	Chambers	Auditorium

FRIDAY

115530	Indoor Walking (Open)	8:30am-10:30am	M. Scott	Gymnasium
115540	Sewing 101	9:00am-12:00pm	Francis	Room #150
115519	Chair Volleyball	9:30am-11:00am	Williams	Room #131
115561	Intro: Weights & Cardio (A) (50+) (Fitness Pass Required)	9:30am-10:30am	J. Johnson	Weight Rm
115541	Intro Everyday Sign Language	11:00am-11:45am	Sheets	Library
115533	Line Dance (A) 50+	11:00am-12:00n	Baker	Auditorium
115582	Wii Bowling	11:15am-12:15pm	J. Johnson	Canteen
115540	Sewing 101	12:00pm-3:00pm	Francis	Room #150
115538	Pickleball (\$10 Sports Pass Required)	1:00pm-3:00pm	Staff	Gymnasium
115554	Table Tennis (Open)	1:00pm-3:00pm	Staff	Auditorium
115529	Indoor Plants	2:30pm-3:30pm	Sheets	Room #104
115566	Chess Program E/T/A/50+	3:30pm-5:30pm	E. Smith	Library



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AFTERSCHOOL REC CLUB (ARC) YOUTH & EVENING CLASSES

Afterschool REC Club @ the Marion Franklin Community Center

We are holding afterschool programming beginning Tuesday, September 2, 2025. We will provide academic assistance as well as a safe place to do homework, play games and enjoy other enrichment activities. If you are interested in learning more, please contact JJ Johnson at 614-645-3160.

115397	Afterschool Rec Club	M-F 3:30pm-6:00pm	J. Johnson	Classroom
115568	Girls Empowerment Activity: Financial Lit.	Tues. 6:00pm-7:00p	9/30 & 10/28	Library
115564	Boys Empowerment Program	Tues. 5:00pm-6:00p	J. Johnson	Classroom
115552	Skills & Drills/Basketball Conditioning (E)	Tu/Th 5:00pm-6:15p	A. Johnson	Gymnasium
115570	Hip Hop Modern Dance (E/T)	Tu/Th 5:00pm-6:00p	Wilks-Mitchell	Room #150
115573	Pre-Dance (4-6yrs) (PK)	Tu/Th 5:15pm-6:00p	Hartway	Multi-P Rm
115580	Ballroom Dancing \$40 (A) (50+)	Tu/Th 6:30pm-7:30p	Chambers	Auditorium
115548	Beg. Jazz/Ballet Medley I (7-10 yrs.)	Tu/Th 6:00pm-7:30p	Hartway	Multi-P Rm
115546	Dance-Intermediate (11-15yrs)	Tu/Th 6:00pm-7:30p	Reeves	Multi-P Rm
115555	Teen Basketball (13-18yrs)	Tu/Th 6:30pm-7:30p	A. Johnson	Gymnasium
115549	Mime/Inspirational Dance	Tu/Th 6:45pm-7:45p	Brown	Room #150
115574	Skills & Drills/Soccer for Success	Wed. 4:30pm-5:30p	J. Lane	Gym/Out
114831	Tiny Tot Tennis (3-5 yrs.) Rain: Multi-P Rm	Wed. 5:15pm-6:00p	Black	Out-Courts
114830	Youth Beg. Tennis (6-8 yrs.) Little Aces	Wed. 6:00pm-7:00p	Black	Out-Courts
115567	Evening Line Dance (A)	Wed. 6:00pm-7:30p	Bettis	Gymnasium
115557	Xtreme Hip Hop Step Aerobics (A)	Wed. 6:30pm-7:30p	V. Jones	Auditorium
XXXXXX	Girl Scouts: Brownies Troop #6896	Thurs. 5:15pm-6:00p	S. Rucker	Library
115575	Teen Happenings/Life Skills (MS/HS)	Thurs. 6:00pm-7:00p	J. Johnson	Classroom
XXXXXX	Performing Arts Program	Fri. 5:30pm-7:30pm	Hartway	Multi-P Rm
115578	Walk With A Doc (April 5-October 18)	Sat. 9:00am-10:00am	C. Byrd	Outdoors
115538	Pickleball (A) (\$10 Sports Pass Required)	Sat. 10:00a-12:00pm	J. Lane	Gymnasium
115581	BACA Cheer: Cheerleading Fundamentals \$50	Sat. 10:30a-12:30pm	J. Young	Multi-P Rm
115540	Sewing 101	Sat. 12:00p-2:00pm	Francis	Room #150
115555	Teen Basketball	Sat. 12:15p-2:00pm	Johnson	Gymnasium
115547	Inspirational Dance	Sat. 2:30p-3:30pm	Brown	Multi-P Rm

Curb Ball Games at the **Marion Franklin Community Center** gives the city an opportunity to take a trip down memory lane with this throwback inner city game. Players of all ages are welcome to join in on the fun. For more information contact the center or Donte' Cook: intercitystudios3@gmail.com

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MEMBERSHIP & PASSES

Leisure Cards Required

All participants are required to have a leisure card to participate. A leisure card is free, lasts for three years and comes in the form of a key tag. Participants will need to fill out a "Participation Information Form" and show I.D. in order to create a new account or update an old account.

Sports Pass: \$10.00 Each Session

Marion Franklin's open sports are Basketball, Badminton, Pickleball and Volleyball. Not all are offered year-round.

- You must have a Sports Pass in order to participate.
- Please register for a Leisure Card and a Sports Pass

<https://apm.activecommunities.com/columbusrecparks/Home>

Fitness Rooms: Operating hours are 10 minutes after opening to 30 minutes before closing

Passes: Session, Annual or One Day

- ✓ Age 49 and under: Session Pass (Winter, Spring, Summer etc.)-\$15
Annual Pass-\$60
- ✓ Age 50+: Session Pass (Winter, Spring, Summer etc.)-\$10
Annual Pass-\$40.00
- ✓ Day Passes: \$1.00, must be used on the day of purchase.
- Our Cardio and Weight Rooms are open for participants who have a current Fitness Pass/Membership.
- A shirt is required when using the Weight or Cardio Rooms at Marion Franklin.
- Please register for a Leisure Card and a Fitness Pass at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/columbusrecparks/Home>
- All members must complete an updated waiver form. Forms can be obtained at the front desk.

Refund Policy

- A 100% refund will be given only if you withdraw from a class before its start date.
- If you withdraw prior to the second class, a 50% refund will be given.
- No refunds are available after the second class unless extraordinary circumstances apply.

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SAFETY PROTOCOL

- All registered program participants must check in/get their leisure card scanned at the front counter.
- All participants must enter and exit through the front doors only. Other exits are marked as emergency exits only.
- Stand-alone hand & wall-mount hand sanitizing dispensers are available in classrooms and hallways.

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50+ Thanksgiving Meal Give-Away

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11:30 a.m.

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5:30 p.m.

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50+ Holiday Meal Give-Away

Thursday, December 11

11:30 a.m.

Please register at the front desk: Deadline-11/21

50+ Holiday Social (Ugly Sweater Optional)

Tuesday, December 9, 11:30 a.m.

Cost \$15 (Includes meal)

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Winter Wonderland

Join us for our annual
Winter Wonderland Dance Recital

Thursday, December 11, 2025
6:15 PM

&

Youth Holiday Meal Give-Away
5 PM - 6 PM

Please register at the front desk:
Deadline-11/21/25 at 5 PM

Happy Holidays

From The Marion Franklin Staff