

Summer 2024 Activity Guide



Issue II: Volume 2



Solon Area Garage Sales

Sponsored by the Friends of the Solon Public Library

Clean out your house and garage while supporting the Friends of the Library by registering your Solon Area Garage Sale with the Friends. In-town registered sales receive a numbered yard sign. All registered sales are included on the map, and lists of sales.

Friday, May 31st and Saturday, June 1st

Cost: \$15 in town | \$10 rural

Registration open April 8 - May 20 (no exceptions)

Maps & Lists Available May 30th

Visit: solon.lib.ia.us/about/friends for details

Splash Pad

Opens Memorial Day Weekend (Weather Permitting)

Enjoy fun in the sun at the Solon Splash Pad!

Open daily 10 AM - 8 PM | Free Admission

At Solon Recreation & Nature Area (SRNA)



Farmer's Market

Shop the Solon Farmer's Market for fresh produce and goods made by local vendors.

Tuesdays, 4-6:30 PM, June through September

At Mushroom Park, Main Street



Summer Reading Kickoff!

Solon Public Library

Join us to kickoff the start of summer and our Summer Reading Program! We'll enjoy a foam party, sprinkler, and water games on the Library lawn. Pick up your reading logs, calendar, and brochure to get all the details of the summer.

Thursday, May 30th @ 5:30 PM

FREE for all ages | No Registration Necessary



Solon Public Library 2024 Summer Reading Program

The Summer Reading Program is for everyone! We have programs for every reader, from babies to kids to teens and adults. Slips can be turned in anytime between June 1st and July 31st.

Collecting secret codes is another way to participate in Summer Reading! Each summer activity will have a secret code provided. For every four codes you collect, you earn another small prize and a chance to win a grand prize! Each secret code can only be used once per participant.

Track your participation online with READsquared or on paper slips. The complete brochure for Summer Reading is available at the Library and online.

June 1st - July 31st
At Solon Public Library

FREE

All Ages | No Pre-Registration Necessary



All Ages Fun

Just a few highlights of fun at the Library this summer for all ages! Be sure to visit our website for full details, registration, and more!

Mobile Planetarium with Science Center of Iowa on Tuesday, June 4th @ 12:15 & 1 PM

Join the Science Center of Iowa to enter the inflatable dome for Iowa Skies Tonight! Locate constellations and planets, and hear myths of the night sky in this live planetarium program. Program will be held in the Family Life Center gymnasium. We'll have two sessions, registration is required as space is limited.

Fairy & Gnome Gardens on Mon, June 17th @ 6 PM

Create the miniature oasis of your imagination! Join us to make fairy & gnome gardens full of tiny trinkets and beautiful plants all in creative container of your choosing. Plants, soil, and small objects will be provided. From teacups to gravy boats, old rain boots to toy wagons, if we can put soil in it, we can turn it into a magical garden. Registration is required as space is limited.

Ocean Odyssey with National Mississippi River Museum on Thurs, July 25th @ 9 AM

This traveling touch tank brings live ocean animals to you! Breakdown some of the common misconceptions about sharks. We will highlight adaptations these critters have to survive, their importance to the ecosystem and discover how you can help with conservation efforts. Participants will have the opportunity to get their hands wet and touch one of these amazing animals! Registration is required as space is limited.

Storytime this Summer

Join us as we sing songs, read books, and play games together. Grab a take & make activity for more fun at home. Storytime is geared toward preschool age children and their caregivers, siblings welcome. Choose a time that works best for you and join us!

Tuesdays in June & July @ 9:30 or 10:30 AM
at Solon Public Library

Special Storytime Locations for Summer:

Tues, June 4th, 10:30 AM @ SRNA Splash Pad

Tues, July 2nd, 10:30 AM @ Randall Park

Saturday Storytime: June 8, July 13, August 10 @ 10:30 AM at Solon Public Library

FREE | No Registration Necessary

Homeschool Meet Up

Join us to meet other homeschoolers in the area and learn about resources that the public library offers to your household. We will start with introductions, hear from our Youth Services Librarian about helpful resources in the library and surrounding area, and have time to socialize with each other. Unable to make it to this program but want to know more? Email ysl@solon.lib.ia.us for more information.

Mon, June 24th @ 10:30 AM

Solon Public Library



Register for Solon Public Library Activities

Online: <https://www.solon.lib.ia.us> or scan the QR Code to the right. Click on the website Calendar, then click on the program. Details and registration form will then be available.

In-Person: Visit the Solon Public Library, 320 W. Main St, Solon, Iowa

Phone: 319-624-2678 or **Email:** staff@solon.lib.ia.us

Library Hours: Mon-Thurs 9 AM to 7 PM, Fri-Sat 9 AM to 5 PM



Bat Conservation

Johnson County Naturalists will join us to talk about bat conservation in Iowa. Participating households will assemble a bat box to take home.

Mon, July 8th @ 6 PM

Solon Public Library

FREE | One registration per household

Restoring Oak Forest Habitats with Mark Vitosh

DNR district foresters have assisted Iowans in managing and understanding their woodland resources since 1935. Your forester can help to improve your woodland for wildlife, recreation, water quality, or wood products, through tree planting, selective harvesting, and other means.

Tues, June 25th @ 6:30 PM

Solon Public Library

FREE | No Registration Necessary

Trivia Night

Get your team (max of 6) together and tease your brains at Trivia Night. Check out up to 5 books ahead of time to use as reference during play! Bring snacks to share with your team, and enjoy a night out with friendly competition. Play begins promptly at 6:30 PM, arrive a few minutes early to get settled.

Friday, July 26th @ 6:30 PM

Solon Public Library

FREE | Registration Required



Teen Tuesdays @ 2 PM

Beginning Tuesday, June 11th, we'll have Teen Tuesdays with special teen programs in June & July. Learn new things and have fun with friends new and old.

June 11th: Outdoor Photography (bring your own device)

June 18th: Pride with U.A.Y.

June 25th: Painting Day

July 2nd: *no program*

July 9th: Picnic and Yard Games

July 16th: Poetry Day

July 23rd: Recycled Art

July 30th: Five Nights at Freddy's [PG-13]

For Teens: incoming 6th-12th graders.

At Solon Public Library

FREE | No Registration Necessary



Cardboard Makerspace with Iowa Children's Museum

Fix, mend, reuse and repeat! Join the Iowa Children's Museum in building and creating. This communal workshop will introduce participants to tools and techniques to fix, mend and add on to our cardboard museum.

Wed, June 12th @ 5:30 PM

Solon Public Library

FREE

No Registration Necessary

Looking for more programs and events? These are just a few of the things we're excited about at the Library. Visit us online (links above) for the complete calendar.

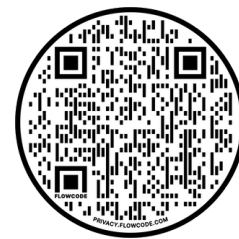
How to Register for Solon Parks & Recreation Activities

Online: <https://secure.rec1.com/IA/solon-ia/catalog> Or scan the QR Code to the right.

In-Person: Visit the Solon Community Center, 313 S. Iowa St, Solon, IA

Email: recreation@solon-iowa.com or **Phone:** 319-624-2499

Community Center Hours: Check <https://www.solon-iowa.com/> for info



Adult Sand Volleyball

Get a team together and have some fun together at the SRNA. Games will be 6v6.

First session: June 2nd - July 7th (Sundays)

Second session: July 1st - August 5th (Mon/Tues)

Age: 18+

Team fee: \$100



Tot Time

Tot Time will continue this summer for all our little friends! Join us in our indoor play space with trikes, bounce houses, and much more!

Wednesdays and Fridays, 10AM-12PM

Solon Community Center

Age: 2-5

\$2 Drop in | \$10 Punch Pass

Swim Lessons

Solon Recreation will provide transportation for ages 6-12 to Mount Vernon Pool for swim lessons.

Dates: June 3-7 & June 10-14

Participant Limit: 75

Registration Now Open | Deadline: 5/13

\$70 Resident, \$75 Non-Resident



Zumba

A low impact, fun workout for all!

Tuesday, Friday from 8:30AM-9:30AM

At Solon Community Center

Age: 16+

\$1 Drop in | \$10 Punch Pass



Tennis Camp

This program is a week long introductory camp lead by a tennis coach.

July 22nd-25th

Grade: K-1, 2nd-3rd, & 4th-6th

Registration Now Open | Deadline: 7/3

\$30 Resident, \$35 Non-Resident

Party Rentals

Have your next party with us!

The Solon Community Center is available to rent for Birthday Parties. Contact us to book today! Geared towards age 6 and under.

\$40/hr

Rental will include:

- Inflatable
- Ride ons
- Toys
- Mini Hoops + Balls
- Games



More Recreation Activities

Dance

Children's Dance classes are back! Miss Kylie will be teaching a variety of styles to many different ages at our new location!

Begins in June

At Old Fire Station, 131 N. Iowa St

Age: 2-10

Registration Now Open | Deadline: 5/24

Cost Varies \$35-45



Tumbling

Help your child channel their boundless energy and reach developmental milestones in a structured environment. In this class we will be focusing on listening skills, while learning some basic tumbling skills

Begins in June

At Old Fire Station, 131 N. Iowa St

Age: 2-7

Registration Now Open | Deadline: 5/24

Cost Varies \$35-40

Tiny Tots Sports Camps

Introduce your children to a variety of sports. Each week we will focus on a different sport including but not limited to soccer, basketball, football, baseball.

June 21st - July 12th

At Solon Recreation & Nature Area

Age: 3-4

Registration Now Open | Deadline: 6/10

\$35 Resident, \$40 Non-Resident

Nature Camp

Learn about the outdoors in this fun week long camp. Children will get a chance to play, listen to stories, and make snacks to go along with the daily theme. Lead by a local early childhood educator.

July 8th - 11th

At Solon Recreation & Nature Area

Age: 5-7

Registration Opens: 5/1 | Deadline: 7/1

\$40 Resident, \$45 Non-Resident

Children's Yoga

Designed to teach your child mindfulness, calming techniques, and physical activity through songs, games, stories, imaginative play, yoga poses, meditation, and activities.

June 21st, 9:00AM-9:45AM

At Solon Recreation & Nature Area

Age: 5-9

Registration Now Open | Deadline: 6/14

\$10 Resident, \$15 Non-Resident

Solon Recreation & Nature Area

With an ideal location just off of Racine Ave, you can enjoy all that we have to offer at SRNA!

- Basketball Courts
- Picnic Shelter
- Sand Volleyball Court
- Splash Pad
- Tennis/Pickleball Courts
- Timber Dome Rentals
- Soccer Fields
- Walking Trail
- Disc Golf
- Wildlife

More Solon Community Activities

City of Solon: City Wide Clean-Up

City of Solon

Saturday, August 10 from 7 AM to 9 AM

At Solon Recreation & Nature Area

Additional details will be released as the date approaches, check the City of Solon website for updates. Please remember this is NOT for household trash disposal. This annual event is intended for larger items not easily disposed of (i.e. furniture, bikes, etc.).

For City Residents only - proof of residency required

Dog Park

City of Solon

Work is underway on Solon's first dog park. The dog park will be located in Trail Ridge Estates Subdivision with a tentative Grand Opening for early June. Access to park is currently closed while equipment is being installed and ground surface established. [Solon Dog Park Rules](#) are available on the City's website.

Grand Opening in early June (Tentative)

At Trail Ridge Estates Subdivision

**Don't forget to register your pets with City Hall!
\$2 for spayed/neutered cats and dogs or \$10
unaltered pets**

Timber Dome Lodge

City of Solon

The Timber Dome Lodge is a charming building located at the Solon Recreation & Nature Area near the Lake Macbride and Hoover trailhead. The lodge is available for rent for weddings, receptions, family gatherings and more.

(Max occupancy 120.)

At Solon Recreation & Nature Area (SRNA)

Contact City Hall at 319-624-3755 for costs and reservations

Solon Beef Days

Friday, July 19th and Saturday, July 20th

Solon Beef Days is an annual community celebration in Solon, Iowa, featuring great food, a parade, live entertainment, and family-friendly activities.

At Main Street Solon

Details available at www.beefdays.com

Randall Park Shelter Rentals

City of Solon

The Randall Park Shelter is a covered picnic shelter with picnic tables, right next to the playground. Contact City Hall at 319-624-3755 for costs and reservations

Music on Main

City of Solon

Summer music tradition held on Wednesday evenings. Bring your lawn chair and make a night of it! Entertainment line-up to be announced.

Wednesdays at 7 PM

At Main Street Bandstand



About this Guide

This seasonal activity guide is published by the Solon Public Library as part of our Strategic Plan objectives adopted by the Board of Trustees in 2023. We are proud to work in partnership with Solon Recreation to share community wide events. Scan the code to learn more! If you have questions about the guide, please reach out to us at the Solon Public Library.

Have a community wide event to share? Submit it on our [website](#).

