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Oakland County Parks launches multi-week outdoor adventure series

Participants to collect special-edition decals for kayaking, archery, fishing, pickleball and more

OAKLAND COUNTY, MI – May 27, 2026 – Unplug and explore outdoor activities while marking your progress with special-edition collectible decals during the Parks in Action series hosted by Oakland County Parks (OCP).

Participate in some of your favorite activities or choose to try something entirely new. There's an activity for everyone with archery, disc golf, fishing, golfing, hiking, kayaking, pickleball, putting/chipping and more available. Participants can also learn more about the natural world at Red Oaks Nature Center.

"If you're looking for memorable adventures this summer, this is the program for you," Chief of Recreation Programs and Services Brandy Boyd said. "This series provides hands-on instruction, interactive experiences and a welcoming environment for those who want to step out of their comfort zone and challenge themselves to explore the outdoors from a new perspective."

The Parks in Action series kicks off at Addison Oaks County Park & Campground on Wednesday, June 10. Participants can enjoy kayaking, fishing, archery and disc golf from 5:30-8:30 p.m. The remaining schedule includes:

- Pickleball and golf activities like closest to the pin and chipping/putting from 5:30-8:30 p.m. July 8 at Lyon Oaks County Park & Golf Course
- A portable planetarium presentation, Birds of Prey program, Agents of Discovery interactive adventure and nature hike from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Aug. 12 at Red Oaks Nature Center
- Archery, kayaking, fishing, hiking and more from 3-8 p.m. Sept. 19 at Independence Oaks County Park

Advance registration is \$5/person for all four sessions and includes the special-edition Parks in Action water bottle. Decals earned by participating in various activities can be added to the water bottle to create a unique memento. Guests can also opt to participate for free on a walk-in basis and they will receive decals that can be used to decorate their own water bottle.

“Whichever option guests choose, they are guaranteed to have fun collecting decals while they explore the outdoors,” Recreation Program Coordinator Nathaniel Brech said. “We’re excited to introduce people to kayaking, archery and disc golf even if they’ve never paddled, aimed at an archery target or thrown a disc before.”

All equipment will be provided, but participants should dress for the weather. Water bottle filling stations are available at Addison Oaks County Park & Campground, Independence Oaks County Park and Red Oaks Nature Center. The program is sponsored by MSU Federal Credit Union.

The Parks in Action series is part of the Mission 26 initiative, an ongoing effort by Oakland County Parks to expand access to outdoor recreation and promote healthy, active lifestyles.

For more information or to register, call 248-858-0906 or visit OaklandCountyParks.com.

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