

January Newsletter

Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space



2025

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December Recap



The Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department had a great end to 2024 with our December programs! The Carson City Park Rangers hosted the Galaxy Talk with Dr. Thomas Herring from Western Nevada College where participants had the chance to use telescopes and learn about our solar system. The Park Rangers also led their annual Holiday Hike, where participants wore their festive holiday sweaters and learned about local wildlife found along the Carson River! The Recreation team led their last Minimum Day Adventure up Chickadee Ridge on a snowshoeing excursion for some spectacular views. And finally, the first ever Trails Challenge came to an end. The Prize Raffle for those who completed the Challenge was held online, with 21 prize winners!

January Volunteer Opportunities

2025

Ongoing Volunteer Programs

Park Ambassador Program

The Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department is looking for volunteers to assist with the day-to-day operations at our parks and open spaces. We are looking for volunteers who can ideally visit the assigned park of their choosing once per week. Volunteers can assist with a wider variety of tasks, depending on their skill level. Some tasks may include (but not limited to): picking up trash, weeding, picking up dog waste, reporting vandalism and broken infrastructure, and other tasks dependent on your skillset!

[Click Here to Learn More!](#)

Adopt-A-Trail Program

The Adopt-A-Trail program is an environmental stewardship initiative and a chance for businesses, clubs, schools, and other citizen groups to give back to Carson City community by helping with care and maintenance of a trail. It aims to build civic pride and involve community members in positive outdoor recreation. Adopters coordinate 2-3 volunteer events per year at their adopted trail with activities based on their trails needs. Groups also get a sign at the trailhead promoting their group as the adopter.



2024 VOLUNTEER PROGRAM SURVEY

TO HELP THE CARSON CITY PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE DEPARTMENT CONTINUE TO GROW AND IMPROVE THE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM, PLEASE TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO FILL OUT THIS SURVEY.

[CLICK HERE TO TAKE THE SURVEY!](#)





DO YOU LOVE SPENDING TIME IN YOUR
LOCAL PARK OR OPEN SPACE? ARE YOU
LOOKING FOR MORE WAYS TO GET
INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY?



BECOME A PARK AMBASSADOR TODAY!

CARSON CITY PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN
SPACE IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS WILLING
TO VISIT THE PARK OR OPEN SPACE OF THEIR
CHOOSING ONCE PER WEEK, ENSURING IT IS
CLEAN, WEEDED, AND DOG WASTE FREE!



CONTACT THE VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR AT
VOLUNTEER@CARSON.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION!



WANTED:

RANGE SAFETY OFFICERS

Are you passionate about Rifle Range safety? Do you love spending time outside with others who enjoy shooting at the Range? The Carson City Rifle Range is looking for volunteers to assist with the day-to-day operations at the range including (but not limited to):

- Weed removal
- Picking up shell casings
- Enforcing the rules and policies of the range
- Answering questions/addressing concerns from range users

This is a fun and exciting opportunity for those 18 or older, who have a National Rifle Association Range Safety Officer Certification. Volunteer hours are flexible, and those who work a minimum of 8 hours per week will receive an annual pass to the Rifle Range!

For more information or to apply please contact the
Range Coordinator at nartam@carson.org
or call (775) 283-7348

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January Recreation Opportunities



Adaptive Recreation



Goal Getters Jog and Walk Program

The Goal Getters Jog & Walk program is a great way to beat the winter breeze and get your body moving. Each week participants will jog & walk at the Carson City MAC indoor track. Every lap a participant completes will be accounted for and the distance will be measured at the end of each session. As a team of Goal Getters participants will set out to go the distance.

Wednesdays 12/4-1/22 | 4:00pm-5:00pm | \$5 Fee | Carson City MAC

Wilbur D. May Museum

Join us as we visit the May Museum that houses the private collection of Wilbur D. May; rancher, adventurer, and philanthropist. The Museum also hosts traveling exhibitions which will be available for us on our visit. Make sure to pack a lunch and water. Transportation is available.

Saturday 2/1 | 11:00am-3:00pm | \$10 Fee | Meet at Community Center

Valentine's Day Dance

Celebrate Valentine's Day and dance the night away with fellow Movers & Doers.

Friday 2/7 | 6:00pm-8:00pm | \$5 Fee | Meet at Community Center Gym



January Recreation Opportunities

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Youth Sports



High School Basketball League

This league is open to both boys and girls. This is a 10-game season plus a post season tournament. Registration is open January 8th-February 14th.

Carson City Parks & Recreation uniforms are required. Past season uniforms can be used. 9th-12th grade.

Tuesdays, Saturdays 2/18 | Time varies | \$82 Fee *\$28 for uniform

UNR Basketball Day

Carson City Parks & Recreation is hosting a basketball day at UNR to watch the Wolfpack vs San Jose State Spartans.

Saturday 1/18 | 3:00pm | \$10-\$20 Fee | Lawlor Events Center

[CLICK HERE FOR DISCOUNTED TICKETS!](#)

Skyhawks Soccer Tots

Soccer Tots is Skyhawks flagship program! Playable on most any surface, these soccer-themed motor skill classes are very easy for youngsters to get into. Younger age groups focus on developing motor skills and self confidence; older classes focus more on developing core soccer skills and personal focus, and introduce an element of light competition. Instructor-to-student ratio is kept small to maximize individual development, and above all else we promote fun!

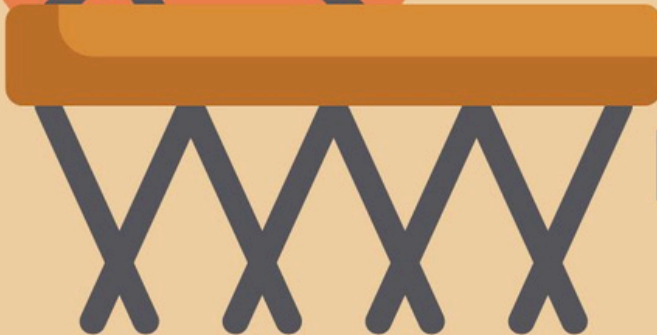
Tuesday 1/13-3/17 | Time varies based on age | \$80 Fee | Ages 1.5-5 years

★ CARSON CITY PARKS & RECREATION ★

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL LEAGUE



FOR BOYS & GIRLS
GRADES 9TH - 12TH



REGISTRATION
1/8 - 2/14

PER PLAYER COST: **\$82**
UNIFORM - \$28

**CARSON
CITY MAC**



SEASON:
FEBRUARY - APRIL



WWW.CARSON.ORG/CCPR



FOR MORE INFORMATION: 775-887-2339

SKYHAWKS SPORTS

SOCCER TOTS

YOUTH PROGRAM

**BEGINS
JANUARY 14!**

**TUESDAY
MORNINGS**

**1.5 - 5
YEARS OLD**

- ✓ Self Confidence
- ✓ Teamwork
- ✓ Fun games
- ✓ Motor Skills

**“Teaching Life Skills
Through Sports”**

Registration
\$80

Community Center Gym
851 E William Street
Carson City, NV 89701

Registration Link
www.carson.org/ccpr

775-887-2339

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Arts & Culture



The Art of Creative Journaling

Second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Art journaling is a visual journal where one explores different art making techniques while expressing dreams, ideas, feelings, and goals.

Art Journaling with Intention and Creative Exploration for 2025 |

Wednesday 1/8 | 6:00pm-8:00pm | \$25 Fee

Designing and Creating a Unique Signature Stamp |

Wednesday 1/22 | 6:00pm-8:00pm | \$25 Fee

Family Art Saturdays

Through fun and engaging hands-on art activities for the whole family, we will travel through time to explore the art styles and techniques of world-famous artists.

Renaissance & Da Vinci | Saturday 1/11 | 10:00am | \$10 Fee

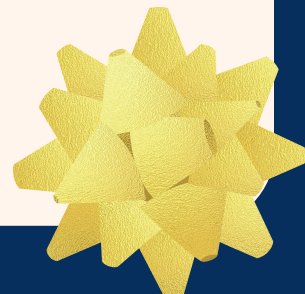
Renaissance & Michelangelo | Saturday 1/25 | 10:00am | \$10 Fee

Music & Art Tot Time

Early childhood arts activities including imitation and exploration in music, movement, and visual art. Recommended for children 1-5 years with a participating adult. Register in advance or drop in!

Mondays 1/6-5/19 | 10:00am-10:40am | FREE

Mondays 1/6-5/19 | 11:00am-11:40am | FREE



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Arts & Culture

Teen Art Fusion

What?

Teen Art Fusion is like two programs fused into one:

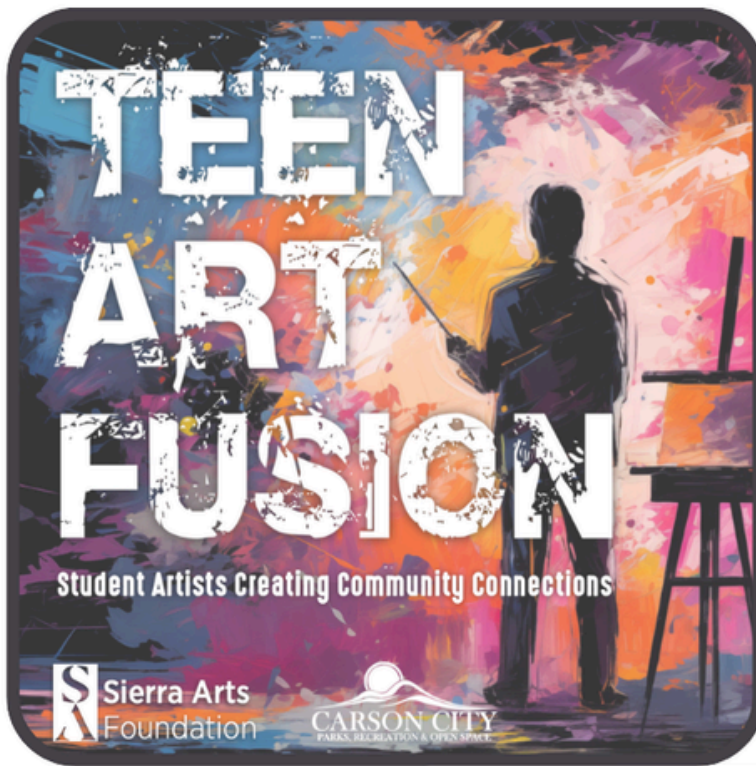
1. Drop in any time between noon and 4pm on CCSD minimum days to use our supplies and work on whatever art you want.
2. Learn about opportunities in the community where your artistry is valued.

Who?

Any teenager in or near Carson City who is interested in visual art.

Where?

801 North Roop Street - used to house a kindergarten program, sometimes referred to as "The Art Building," near the outdoor pool/water slide, south part of the Community Center parking lot.



How do I register?

You can register in advance online at carson.org/CCPR (search "Teen Art") ... or just show up.

Teens planning to just show up, please make sure to bring:

- Name and Phone number of an emergency contact
- \$10 or a discount code

When?

Second and Fourth Wednesday of each month (CHS minimum days) noon - 4pm

How much?

\$10 covers both open studio and connection opportunities. Get a discount code from any CHS art teacher to get in free!

Wednesdays 1/8-5/28 | 12:00pm-3:00pm | FREE | Arts Building

NATIONAL SQUIRREL DAY



January 21, 2025, 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Seely Loop in Mills Park (1111 E. William)

- *Squirrel-themed story time
- *Squirrel craft
- *Squirrel singing games for the young and the young at heart
- *Squirrels?

Commemorate the new squirrel statue by artist Jeff Schomberg, donated by the Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class of 2024.

Free to attend



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Adult Sports

Self-Paced Marathon

If your New Year's resolutions include exercise, try this marathon that can be broken up at your pace and your schedule! You can walk, jog, or run. MAC staff will help track your distance. Includes a t-shirt upon completion of 26.2 miles, which is 208 laps on the MAC track.

Monday-Sunday 1/13-3/13 | During MAC Hours | \$10 Fee | All Ages!

Pickleball with Mae: Introduction to Pickleball

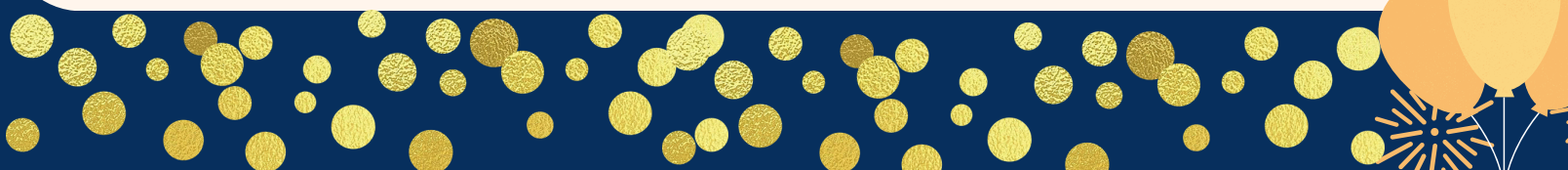
This is a 4-session class that will introduce new players to the fun sport of pickleball. Participants will learn the fundamentals for game play including game rules, basic serving and hitting (dinks and volleys), plus proper scoring instruction.

Tuesdays, Thursdays 1/7-1/16 | 9:30am-11:00am | \$75 Fee

Pickleball with Mae: Pickleball for Advanced Beginners

This is a 6-session class that is meant for participants who are familiar with the basics of Pickleball. Participants will improve upon their skills in dinking, volleying, gameplay strategy, positioning, footwork, defense, etc.

Tuesdays, Thursdays 1/7-1/23 | 11:00am-12:30pm | \$110 Fee



Carson City Parks & Recreation **SELF PACED MARATHON**

26.2 MILES



Only \$10!

Program dates: 1/13 - 3/13!

**Register now:
www.carson.org/ccpr**

If your New Year's resolutions include exercise, try this marathon that can be broken up at your pace and your schedule. You can walk, jog, or run. MAC staff will help track your distance. Includes a t-shirt upon completion of 26.2 miles, which is 208 laps on the MAC track.



**CARSON CITY PARKS &
RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**ADULT COED
VOLLEYBALL
LEAGUE!**

TEAM REGISTRATION - \$305

**MONDAY/WEDNESDAY EVENING GAMES
PLAYED AT THE MAC STARTING 3/3/25
REGISTRATION 1/10/25 - 2/21/25
FOR MORE INFO CALL: 775-887-2339
WWW.CARSON.ORG/CCPR**



CARSON CITY PARKS & RECREATION

ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUE



For Adults 18+

10 GAMES + PLAYOFFS

GAMES BEGIN 2/25/25!

@ Carson City MAC

TEAM REGISTRATION \$650
REGISTRATION JAN 10 - FEB 14

M/W - OPEN DIVISION
T/TH - 30+

Registration link  www.carson.org/ccpr

Phone 775-887-2339

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Park Ranger-Led Programs

Galaxy Talk



Carson City Parks, Rec & Open Space
Park Ranger-Led Programs

January 10, 2025

6:30pm -7:30pm

Silver Saddle Ranch

Telescopes will be set up around the Red House area and staff will be around to instruct on our solar system, the Milky Way Galaxy and much more!



Join the Carson City Park Rangers and Dr. Thomas Herring, Professor of Physics at WNC, for a star gazing event at Silver Saddle Ranch.

Telescopes will be set up around the Red House area and staff will be around to instruct on our solar system, the Milky Way Galaxy and much more! Stop by anytime between 6:30pm-7:30pm. Please bring your questions and dress in layers! NOTE: This program is weather dependent and may be cancelled due to inclement weather.

Friday 1/10 | 6:30pm-7:30pm | Silver Saddle Ranch | FREE

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!](#)

2025

Park Ranger-Led Programs

Winter Wonderland Patrol



Carson City Parks, Rec & Open Space
Park Ranger-Led Programs

January 25, 2025

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Silver Saddle Ranch

Join the Park Rangers for a winter themed Ranger Patrol! Look forward to climate and snow discussions, in addition to flooding.



Join a Carson City Park Ranger on a foot patrol of the Carson River Trail system from Silver Saddle Ranch. These unique Park Ranger adventures offer an experience similar to a Park Ranger's daily patrols of Carson City's trails! Participants may be able to address safety concerns, vandalism, and anything else that comes up. You can also look forward to climate and snow discussions, in addition to how riparian habitat and wildlife persists through bitter cold.

Saturday 1/25 | 1:00pm-3:00pm | Silver Saddle Ranch | FREE

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Outdoor Programs

Snowshoe Trips

Snowshoeing is the perfect way to get outside, exercise, and enjoy nature during the winter months. These snowshoe trips are designed with the beginner in mind. No experience is necessary. Snowshoes, poles, and transportation are provided. Dates and locations are subject to change based on weather and snow conditions.

Skunk Harbor/Lake Tahoe | Saturday 1/4 | 10:00am | \$30 Fee

Full Moon at Chickadee Ridge | Monday 1/13 | 4:00pm | \$40 Fee

Shred Kids Ski & Snowboard Program

This is an amazing deal to learn how to ski or snowboard with everything included! This is a 6-week program for all skill levels. Participants will take a bus from the Carson City Community Center after school on Fridays where they will enjoy an evening on the slopes with their friends. Transportation, ski/snowboard rentals, 1hr lesson each day, dinner, free time on the mountain, and a season pass all included in the cost!

Fridays 1/17-2/28 | 3:00pm-9:30pm | \$290 Fee | Boreal Mountain Resort

***VOLUNTEER CHAPERONES NEEDED.**

School Minimum Days

Let's take advantage of school getting out early and do some fun activities.

Each minimum day we'll have something planned to get outside or participate in some adventurous activity. Transportation is provided from the Community Center to the day's destination. Please pack lunch/snacks and water. Space is limited so register early!

Snow Day Fun! | Wednesday 1/22 | 12:30pm-5:00pm | \$10 Fee

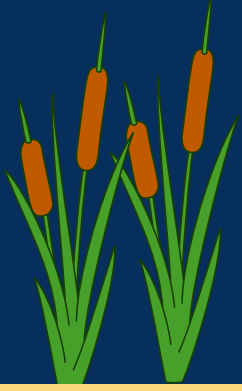
Congratulations Trails Challenge Prize Winners!

Trails Challenge Prize Winners!

- BOWIE MILLS
- CHRISTY CHAMBERLAIN
- AUGUSTA DENAULT
- STACY SYLVESTER
- ELIANA CHAVEZ
- NEVA MELLOW
- MICHELLE PEDERSON
- LINDSAY MARSH
- JAMES JACKLETT
- HEATHER MANZO
- DANIELLE CAMACHO
- SHERYL WINCHESTER
- LAURA SCHIERBURG
- KELLY NICHOLAS
- PAM DELLEA-GILTNER
- SUSAN POTTS
- KATIE HAY
- GAIL HEWETT
- MAX GIURCA
- ELAYN MARIE
- ALEX HUNTER



Stay tuned for Trails Challenge 2025!



Flora | Fauna Highlight



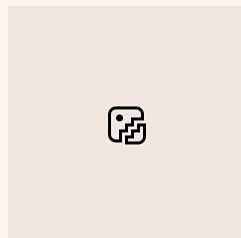
The Red-winged Blackbird, one of the most abundant birds across North America, can most commonly be found visiting cattail marshes and other wetlands. The male Red-winged Blackbird is glossy-black and have scarlet and yellow shoulder patches that they puff up when they feel confident. The females are a subdued, streaky brown color which has been said to resemble a large sparrow. The Red-winged blackbirds roost in flocks in all months of the year. In the summer small numbers roost in the wetlands where they are commonly known to breed, but in the winter, flocks can be congregations of several million birds (including other blackbird species and starlings!). In Carson, the Red-winged Blackbird can most commonly be spotted and heard along the Linear Ditch Trail!

For more information on this species, [click here!](#)



For More Information

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OR

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www.carson.org/ccpr