



Peru Recreation Summer Camps 2026

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MISSION STATEMENT

“We create community pride through people, parks, and programs.”

The Peru Parks, Recreation, & Special Events Department operated alongside the Peru Recreation Board to offer, recreation, programs, & events for the benefit of all Peru citizens. Peru Parks include Washington Park, Sunset Park, McKinley Park, Rotary Park, Centennial Park, American Nickeloid Park, Veteran’s Park, 28th Street, & Baker Lake. Splash Field is located within Washington Park & Wiggly Field is located at Veterans Park.

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For 2026 we will be utilizing online signups for our 6-week programs and summer camps. Below is a week-by-week outline of camps being offered this summer. A sign-up link is provided where applicable.

Many camps are free to Peru residents! If there is a fee it will be listed in the description. Nonresidents are invited and welcome, with an additional cost of \$20 per camp/program (unless otherwise noted in the camp/program description). Payment is due on the first day of the camp, if applicable.

***** Please only sign up one participant per slot. Camps have limited entry so try to sign up early. If the participant is unable to attend, please remove your signup so another child may participate.**

If you have any questions, please call Seth Brannan @ (815) 681-8600.

6 Week Programs

Program	Participants	Description	Time	Location	Instructor	Sign Up
Arts and Crafts	Grades K and Up	This 6-week program will meet Monday-Thursday from June 8-25 and July 6-23. There will be a different craft everyday so come join us as often as you want 😊 Cost is \$1 per craft. There is no additional nonresident fee.	<i>Come join us anytime between</i> 10:00am-12:00pm	Washington Park- West Shelter	Maggie Hachenberger	No sign up needed. Just come on the days that you are available 😊
Tennis- High School Boys	Grades 9 th -12 th (incoming)	This 6-week program will meet Monday-Thursday from June 8-25 and July 6-23. Tennis instruction and games will be tailored to high school age participants. This class is geared towards those wanting to develop their skills for competitive or recreational play. Please bring your own racquet.	9:00-10:15 am	LP Sports Complex- Tennis Courts	Aaron Guenther	Sign up in person on the first day of the program (if you cannot make the first day you can sign up on your first day available).
Tennis- High School Girls	Grades 9 th -12 th (incoming)	This 6-week program will meet Monday-Thursday from June 8-25 and July 6-23. Tennis instruction and games will be tailored to high school age participants. This class is geared towards those wanting to develop their skills for competitive or recreational play. Please bring your own racquet.	10:15-11:30 am	LP Sports Complex- Tennis Courts	Aaron Guenther	Sign up in person on the first day of the program (if you cannot make the first day you can sign up on your first day available).
Tennis- Beginner Class	Grades 3 rd -8 th (incoming)	This 6-week program will meet Monday-Thursday from June 15- July 23. Tennis instruction and games will be tailored to beginner level participants. This class is geared towards those wanting to learn how to play or improve upon basic skills. Please bring your own racquet.	9:00-10:00 am	Washington Park- Tennis Courts	Jill Urban-Bollis	Sign up in person on the first day of the program (if you cannot make the first day you can sign up on your first day available).

Tennis-Intermediate Class	Grades 3 rd -8 th (incoming)	This 6-week program will meet Monday-Thursday from June 15-July 23. Tennis instruction and games will be tailored to intermediate level participants. This class is for those who can serve with consistency and are looking to enhance their skills. Please bring your own racquet.	10:00-11:00 am	Washington Park- Tennis Courts	Jill Urban-Bollis	Sign up in person on the first day of the program (if you cannot make the first day you can sign up on your first day available).
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Week of June 8- June 12

Camp	Participants	Description	Time	Location	Instructor	Sign Up
Let the Games Begin!	Grades 3 rd -5 th (incoming)	Kickball, nitroball, 4 square... What's not to love! Come join us for these activities, plus more games that could be played at the park or in your own backyard.	11:00 am-12:15 pm	Washington Park- South Shelter	Tanya Hanck	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465936-letthe
If You Give a Mouse...	Grades K-2 nd (incoming)	What would happen if you gave a mouse a cookie or a dog a donut? To find out come join the fun! Each day a book from the series. If You Give a... will be read and campers will create an art project. Join the fun!	1:00-2:00 pm	Washington Park- West Shelter	Maggie Hachenberger	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465931-ifyougive
Nature is Art	Grades 3 rd -5 th (incoming)	In this camp we will be using various items, collected from nature, to create unique artwork.	2:15-3:30 pm	Washington Park- West Shelter	Maggie Hachenberger	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465929-nature
Boys Basketball Middle School	Grades 5 th -8 th (incoming)	Grade appropriate basketball fundamentals, skills and game play will be incorporated throughout the camp.	5:00-6:15 pm	Washington Park Basketball Courts (East of Splash Field)	Matt Guenther	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465918-boys

Girls Basketball Middle School	Grades 5 th -8 th (incoming)	Grade appropriate basketball fundamentals and game play will be incorporated throughout the camp.	6:30-7:45 pm	Washington Park Basketball Courts (East of Splash Field)	Matt Guenther	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465915-girls
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Week of June 15 - June 19

Camp	Participants	Description	Time	Location	Instructor	Sign Up
Football Camp	Grades 4 th -8 th (incoming)	Participants will learn about the sport of football while practicing the fundamentals and engaging in game play.	8:30-9:45 pm	Baker Lake-Meet at West Parking Lot	Kevin Keating	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465895-football
Softball Middle School	Grades 5 th -8 th (incoming)	Grade appropriate softball fundamentals and game play will be incorporated throughout the camp. Please bring your own glove.	8:30-9:45 am	McKinley Park-Softball Diamond	Lacey Bellino	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465902-softball
Softball Grade School	Grades 2 nd -4 th (incoming)	Grade appropriate softball fundamentals and game play will be incorporated throughout the camp. Please bring your own glove.	10:00-11:15 am	McKinley Park-Softball Diamond	Lacey Bellino	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465899-softball
NCI ARTworks Emerging Artists Workshop	Grades 6 th -12 th (incoming)	Hone your skills with the talented artists from NCI. With this year's theme, "Design Your Own Superhero," each participant will create a character with a power and develop a visual storyline. The cost of the camp will be \$20 for Peru residents and \$35 for non residents.	10:00 am-12:00 pm	NCI ARTworks Gallery 400 5th Street (Westclox west wing entrance)	NCI Instructors	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465910-nciartworks

A Musical Mile	Grades K-3 rd (incoming)	Campers will travel to different musical destinations while exploring rhythm, developing in vocal confidence, and engaging in musical storytelling. Various genres and cultures will be experienced through song, movement, and play.	11:00 am-12:00 pm	Centennial Park-Bandshell	Kori Suarez	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63519505-amusical
Metal Detecting (June 15th only)	Grades 4 th and up (adults are welcome to participate with their kids)	Participants will receive an introduction to metal detecting and have a chance to dig up some buried treasure.	3:00-4:30 pm	Centennial Park-Northwest shelter	John Marshall and the IVHRRRA	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465892-metal
Pickleball	Adults and Grades 7 th and up	Participants will learn about the sport of pickleball while practicing the fundamentals and skills within the game. If you have your own paddle, please bring it.	5:30-6:45 pm	Washington Park- Pickleball Courts	Seth Brannan	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465887-pickleball

Week of June 22 - June 26

Camp	Participants	Description	Time	Location	Instructor	Sign Up
Volleyball-Grade School	Grades 3 rd -5 th (incoming)	Grade appropriate volleyball fundamentals and game play will be incorporated throughout the camp. Knee pads are not required but are recommended.	8:30-9:45 am	Northview School	Nicci Gibson	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465885-volleyball
Volleyball-Middle School	Grades 6 th -8 th (incoming)	Grade appropriate volleyball fundamentals and game play will be incorporated throughout the camp. Knee pads are not required but are recommended.	10:00-11:15 am	Northview School	Nicci Gibson	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465879-volleyball

Baseball Grade School	Grades 2 nd -4 th (incoming)	Grade appropriate baseball fundamentals and game play will be incorporated throughout the camp. Please bring your own glove.	8:30- 9:45 am	Sunset Park- Baseball Diamond	Kevin Keating	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465806-baseball
Baseball Middle School	Grades 5 th -8 th (incoming)	Grade appropriate baseball fundamentals and game play will be incorporated throughout the camp. Please bring your own glove.	10:00- 11:15 am	Sunset Park- Baseball Diamond	Kevin Keating	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465845-baseball
Ranger Camp	Grades 3 rd -5 th (incoming)	Get ready for hands-on lessons to better experience the outdoors. This camp will be an introduction to the tools, skills, and activities of outdoor recreation.	9:00- 10:15 am	Baker Lake- Meet @ West Parking Lot	Eric Bara	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465880-ranger
Wilderness Survival Skills	Grades 5 th -8 th (incoming)	Come join us, as we learn valuable skills to tackle the great outdoors. Topics include camping preparedness, knot tying, fire building, outdoor cooking, and so much more.	10:30- 11:45 am	Baker Lake- Meet @ West Parking Lot	Eric Bara	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465874-wilderness
Sing Wiggle and Giggle	Grades K-3 rd (incoming)	Learn basic note reading skills, how to use your singing voice, and produce rhythmic movement patterns during this interactive and educational FUN!	11:00 am- 12:00 pm	Centennial Park- Bandshell	Kori Suarez	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465809-sing
Bowling Camp (June 23, 24, and 25 only)	Grades 5 th -8 th (incoming)	Interested in improving your bowling form or have a desire to get into the sport? Then come join Coach Guenther for this 3 day bowling camp. The cost of the camp will be \$15 for Peru residents and \$25 for non residents.	4:00- 5:00 pm	Peru Super Bowl	Aaron Guenther	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465863-bowling

Week of July 6 - July 10

Camp	Participants	Description	Time	Location	Instructor	Sign Up
Cook with a Book- Session 1	Grades 2 nd -4 th (incoming)	Participants will combine cooking with literacy in this tasty camp. Story themed cooking lessons! The cost of the camp will be \$20 for Peru residents and \$35 for non residents.	9:00-10:15 am	Parkside School- Room 182 (please drop off at the west entrance of school)	Jennifer Znaniecki	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465857-cook
Cook with a Book- Session 2	Grades 2 nd -4 th (incoming)	Participants will combine cooking with literacy in this tasty camp. Story themed cooking lessons! The cost of the camp will be \$20 for Peru residents and \$35 for non residents.	10:30-11:45 am	Parkside School- Room 182 (please drop off at the west entrance of school)	Jennifer Znaniecki	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465851-cook
Intro to Golf (July 7, 8, and 9 only)	Grades 5 th -8 th (incoming)	In this camp we will be covering the fundamentals of golf. Full swing, short game, and course etiquette will all be addressed. Please bring your own clubs if available. The cost of the camp will be \$15 for Peru residents and \$25 for non residents.	9:45-11:00 am	Oak Ridge Golf Course- Meet at the entrance to the pro shop	Landen Plym & Carson Zellers	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465823-intro
Get Up and Play!	Grades K-2 nd (incoming)	Enjoy a week of playing games that requires no batteries or screen time. Each day there will be a new theme for the games played.	1:00-2:00 pm	Washington Park- West Shelter	Maggie Hachenberger	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465868-getupand
Soccer Grade School	Grades 2 nd -4 th (incoming)	Grade appropriate soccer fundamentals and skills will be emphasized. Drills and fun mini games will also be implemented.	5:00-6:15 pm	Baker Lake- Meet at West Parking Lot	Jason Depenbrock	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465831-soccer
Soccer Middle School	Grades 5 th -8 th (incoming)	Grade appropriate soccer fundamentals and skills will be emphasized. Drills and fun mini games will also be implemented.	6:30-7:45 pm	Baker Lake- Meet at West Parking Lot	Jason Depenbrock	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465828-soccer

July 13- July 17

Camp	Participants	Description	Time	Location	Instructor	Sign Up
Saddle Up	Grades 5 th -8 th (incoming)	Participants will be engaged in horse riding, saddling, grooming, and care. The cost will be \$100 for Peru residents and \$150 for nonresidents. * Please arrive 15 minutes early the first day.	9:00-10:30 am	Cedar Creek Ranch in Cedar Point, IL	Paul Williams	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465816-saddle
What's Cooking- Session 1	Grades 5 th -8 th (incoming)	Participants will receive hands on experience with measuring, mixing, and cooking. Yummy! The cost of the camp will be \$20 for Peru residents and \$35 for non residents.	9:00-10:15 am	Parkside School- Room 182 (please drop off at the west entrance of school)	Jennifer Znaniecki	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465811-whats
What's Cooking- Session 2	Grades 5 th -8 th (incoming)	Participants will receive hands on experience with measuring, mixing, and cooking. Yummy! The cost of the camp will be \$20 for Peru residents and \$35 for non residents.	10:30-11:45 am	Parkside School- Room 182 (please drop off at the west entrance of school)	Jennifer Znaniecki	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465810-whats
Cheer Camp - Primary	Grades 1 st -2 nd (incoming)	Participants will learn and practice cheers throughout the duration of camp. There will be a short performance at the end of the week.	5:00-6:15 pm	Centennial Park- Northwest Shelter	Madison Bara	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465921-cheer
Cheer Camp - Elementary	Grades 3 rd -5 th (incoming)	Participants will learn and practice cheers throughout the duration of camp. There will be a short performance at the end of the week.	6:30-7:45 pm	Centennial Park- Northwest Shelter	Madison Bara	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63518635-cheer

July 20- July 24

Camp	Participants	Description	Time	Location	Instructor	Sign Up
Around the World in 5 Days	Grades K-2 nd (incoming)	Campers will learn about the art created in various cultures from around the globe and create their own using various tools and techniques	9:00-10:15 am	Parkside School- Art Room (please drop off & pick up at the west entrance of school)	Tara Washkowiak	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465802-around
Global Street Art	Grades 6 th -8 th (incoming)	Campers will dive into the colorful world of street art! In our Global Street Arts class, you'll learn about the exciting history of graffiti, try out different writing styles, and create your own artwork inspired by street artists from around the world.	10:30-11:45 am	Parkside School- Art Room (please drop off & pick up at the west entrance of school)	Tara Washkowiak	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465797-global
Zoo Creations! (July 23 th only)	Grades 1 st -6 th (incoming)	This camp provides a fun activity where you get to create a personalized toy and take it home. Please be sure to include your selected character # when signing up for this camp. The cost of the camp will be \$20. No additional nonresident fee for this camp.	11:15 am-12:15 pm	Peru City Hall- Community Room	Tanya Hanck	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465781-zoo creations https://drive.google.com/file/d/1atPE3QjdvEv0btAHnGxbo_uLhPtjQzsv/view?usp=drive_link
Pretty Pretty Princess	Grades K-2 nd (incoming)	Participants will engage in princess themed crafts, songs, stories, and activities.	12:30-1:30 pm	Peru City Hall- Community Room	Tanya Hanck	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465798-pretty

Messy Art	Grades 3 rd -5 th (incoming)	Create your own custom artwork while getting super messy! Participants should wear old clothes (that may be ruined).	2:00-3:15 pm	Washington Park- South Shelter	Tanya Hanck	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465794-messy
Girls Basketball Grade School	Grades 2 nd -4 th (incoming)	Grade appropriate basketball fundamentals and game play will be incorporated throughout the camp.	5:00-6:15 pm	Washington Park- Basketball Courts (East of Splash Field)	Matt Guenther	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465793-girls
Boys Basketball Grade School	Grades 2 nd -4 th (incoming)	Grade appropriate basketball fundamentals and game play will be incorporated throughout the camp.	6:30-7:45 pm	Washington Park- Basketball Courts (East of Splash Field)	Matt Guenther	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465791-boys

July 27- July 31

BB Gun Camp	Grades 4 th -8 th (incoming)	Participants will learn the fundamentals and safety procedures associated with marksmanship. Monday/Tuesday may run 15 to 20 mins longer due to safety instruction and establishing procedures.	4:30-5:30 pm	Peru City Hall- Lower Level	Joe Michael and Peru BB Gun Club	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054BABAD28A6FF2-63465841-bbguncamp
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Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you this summer!