

Delta-Schoolcraft Great Start Family Coalition Newsletter

The Great Start Family Coalition serves families with young children from pregnancy through 3rd grade in Delta and Schoolcraft Counties.
We work to give kids a great start in school and in life!



We welcome you and your family!
Contact Laurie Mold at lmold@dsisd.net or 906-786-9300 ext 111 for more information on how you can be a part of the Great Start Family Coalition

June 2022 Community Events

Schoolcraft County Events (Delta County Events begin on Page 3)

6/1 through 9/14/22 **Manistique Farmer's Market** Wednesdays 4pm-6pm at Little Bear West Arena 180 N Maple St, Manistique

6/3/22 **Live music with Randy Middledorf** 5pm-7pm at Michigan Made.

6/7/22 **Great Start Play & Learn** 10:30am-noon for children 0-5 years old and their care givers at various parks throughout Schoolcraft County. Nature themed sessions facilitated by Clear Lake Nature Center. Kids will love learning while they play! Families will enjoy stories, fun activities and high quality take home materials. Space is limited. Register at <https://bit.ly/playlearn22>

- 6/7 **Canids (dog/wolf family)** at Big Bay Playground
- 7/7 **Nature Detectives** at the Pines Park
- 8/16 **Night Sky** at the Lake MI Campground

6/9 & 6/30/22 **Safe Sitter Classes** 9am-4pm at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital's new administration building located behind the hospital on Highway US-2. The Safe Sitter program is designed exclusively for young teens grades 6-8 and covers areas of: safety, child care, first aid & rescue, life & business skills. Course materials, backpack, and safe sitter information pad is provided. \$40 per student. Pack food for lunchtime break. Sign up at: <https://signup.com/go/jbFKCGT>

6/10/22 **Great Start Meet and Play: Bug Out!** 10am-Noon at Pines Park. Join the Great Start Family Coalition! Explore native bugs and their purpose. Play a bug game. Do a bug project. Sing a bug song. Let's get buggy with it!! A free informal gathering to meet and play with other families. No RSVP required. Free book and snack for the first 25 kids.

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6/15, 6/22 & 6/29/22 **Summer Concert Series** 6/15 with Grand Design 7pm at the Manistique Central Park Band Shell. The free series runs every Wednesday June 15th through Aug 24th. In the case of inclement weather, concerts will be moved to Little Bear West Arena, located at 180 North Maple Street. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring a lawn chair.

6/17 & 6/18/22 **Manistique Kiwanis Summer Theater** presents **The Little Mermaid** 7pm in the Manistique High School Auditorium, 100 North Cedar Street admission is \$5.

6/18/22 **Manistique Makers Market** 10am-4pm at Triangle Park. A seasonal outdoor market in the heart of downtown Manistique that features our local makers, food trucks, and live music.

6/19/22 *Happy Fathers Day!!*

6/22/22 **Feed America Food Truck** 10am at the Central Park Ball Field - On Tannery Rd., 345 Elm Street, Manistique

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Great Start Family Coalition presents
PLAY & LEARN
with Clearlake Education Center

FUN! Friends

Play **Explore** **Learn**

A hands-on early literacy and learning event about nature!
FREE for kids 0-5 years old and their parents/caregivers.

June: Canids (dog/wolf family)
July: Nature Detectives
August: Night Sky

Schoolcraft	10:30am-Noon	Delta County
June 7- Big Bay School, Garden		June 9 - Besse Park, Escanaba
July 5 - The Pines Park, Manistique		July 7 - Bark River Sports Park
Aug 16 - Lake MI Campground, Manistique		Aug 18 - Van Cleve Park, Gladstone

Registration required at:
<https://bit.ly/playlearn22>

Call Laurie at 419-320-5542 with questions
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Schoolcraft Events Continued...

6/24/22 **Summer Concert Kick Off** with the Blacklist Band 6:30-9:30pm at Michigan Made. They will be starting summer up with good tunes and good company.

6/25 & 6/26/22 **National Barrel Horse Association Races** 11am Schoolcraft County Fairgrounds, 139 Lake Street, Manistique.

6/25/22 **The Wizard of Oz** 8pm at the Highway 2 Community Drive-In in Manistique. Gates open at 8pm FREE Movie starts at dusk, around 10:00 pm, at the ONLY Drive-In Movie Theater in the Upper Peninsula! Watch the timeless classic "Wizard of Oz" from 1939, followed by the B feature movie, "Rock, Rock, Rock" from 1956. Watch the movie from your car or bring your own chairs. Concessions including available. Come dressed as your favorite Wizard of Oz character and get your picture on the big screen!

6/26/22 **Manistique Chamber Concert Series: Midsummer Medley** 7:30pm at Church of the Redeemer 314 S. Main St. Manistique Flutist Emily Olson is joined by violinist Dan Foster and pianist Robert Conway in a fast-paced concert of light classical music.

6/29 to 7/27/22 **Manistique Public Library Summer Reading Program: "Oceans of Possibilities"** 100 North Cedar Street Wednesdays from 12pm-1pm is a special time for children 0-6 years old to enjoy age appropriate stories, crafts and activities for little ones before the school age program that begins at 1pm. 6/29 theme is *A Day at the Aquarium*. Call 906-252-4316 with any questions.

7/1-7/3/22 Manistique 4th of July Celebration

- 7/1 5pm kiddie parade at the post office
- 7/2 Big parade downtown at 12:30 and Annual Art & Craft Show
- 7/3 Fireworks at dusk at the Marina, with food vendors on site

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Fridays from 10am - Noon

June 10 – Bug Out! Pines Park

It's summertime! Explore native bugs and their purpose. Play a bug game. Do a bug project. Sing a bug song. Let's get buggy with it!!

July 22 – Let Out Some STEAM! Lake Michigan Campground Pavilion

Unlock your kids' curiosity and spark their inner inventor! The world of science with hands-on experiments and STEAM activities. (science, technology, engineering, arts and music)

August 12—Planes, Trains and Automobiles! Emerald Elementary Playground

Transportation not only teaches children about what different vehicles are for and how they work, it can also be used to teach important concepts such as safety when riding in a vehicle or walking.

**Rain or shine! (unless it's thundering then a rain date will be offered)
Questions? Text or call Jill Johnson at 906-450-0878**

Manistique Public Library and Great Start present

AN OCEAN OF POSSIBILITIES

Summer Reading for Little Ones

Join us for a special story time for children 0-5 years old and their care takers. Families will enjoy age appropriate stories, crafts, and activities before school age summer reading programs at the Manistique Public Library



12 PM- 1PM



- June 29 *A Day at the Aquarium*
- July 6 *Baby Shark*
- July 13 (All ages-starts at 1pm) *See a Horse in the Library!*
- July 20 *Something's Fishy*
- July 27 *A Day at the Beach*



Friday, June 17 at 7:00 pm
Saturday, June 18 at 7:00 pm

Manistique High School Auditorium

Performances are open to the public and admission is \$5. The public is encouraged to come out to enjoy the show and support our local young budding actors.

The Little Mermaid by Hans Christian Andersen is a beloved story of a little mermaid longing to be human. Kathryn Schultz Miller transformed this story into a play suitable for teens and the youngest cast.

For more info contact Steve Mohar smohar@manistiqueschools.org or 906.360.6759



The Children's summer theater is presented by Manistique Area Kiwanis with support from the Michigan Council of Arts & Cultural Affairs/CUPPAD, the National Endowment of the Arts and Manistique Area Schools.



Delta County Events

6/1 to 6/29/22 **Escanaba Farmer's Market** open Wednesdays 3pm-6pm and Saturdays 8am-noon at 9th Street and 1st Avenue North, Escanaba

6/2 through 9/29/22 **Rapid River Farmer's Market** 3pm-6pm Thursdays at the Masonville Recreation Area 10465 S Main St., Rapid River.

6/3 to 6/24/22 **Grace Church of Gladstone Playgroup** Fridays 10am-11:30am at Van Cleve Park in Gladstone. Moms/caregivers and their young children are welcome. Open to the public. Contact Megan with questions 906-396-8346 or guindon.megan@gmail.com

6/3 & 6/4/22 **Krusin Klassic Fun Run & Car Show 2022: Nifty 50's** Friday: 7pm parade followed by dance from 8pm-12am at the UP State Fair Grounds with Grand Design. Saturday: gates open at 8am, for car show/swap. 9am-5pm music, vendors, adult and children's games on the midway. Awards at 4:30pm. \$5 pp. www.krusinklassics.net

6/4 & 6/5/22 **Annual Carney Round-Up Rodeo** at the Nadeau Township Grounds. 6/4 10am-8pm Rodeo starts at 5pm (barn dance starts at 8pm with Neon Detour), 6/5 gates open at 9am Queen Crowning at noon. Rodeo begins at 2pm (central time) \$15 adults, \$5 12-6yrs, (\$20/\$10 for covered seating) www.carneyrounduprodeo.org

6/4/22 **Pregnancy Services Walk for Life** 9am Ludington Park Pavilion in Escanaba. Fundraiser for crisis pregnancy/parent support clinic. www.pregnancyservicesdc.org

6/4 through 8/20/22 **Summer of Melodies** 1pm-4pm in the Ludington Park bandshell. A free summer concert series featuring local artists.

- 6/4 **Heartland Express**-classic country
- 6/18 **Where's Gary**-rock & country
- 6/25 **Cosmic Exposure** – jam & rock
- 7/2 **We Ain't Saints**-classic rock

6/5/22 **UPIR Season Opener** at the UP State Fairgrounds Pits open at 11am, Grandstands open at 1pm, and Green flag drops at 3pm Eastern time. \$7 kids 10 yrs. and under FREE.

6/6 to 6/27/22 **Gladstone Farmers Market** Mondays from 3pm-6pm 911 Delta, Ave. Live music starting 6/13/22.

6/8/22 **Gladstone Public Library Summer Reading Kickoff: Oceans of Possibilities Book Walk** 10:30am Families are invited to stroll as they read *Way Down Deep in the Deep Blue Sea* together. Children between 2 years of age and 5th grade will receive a Goodie bag containing a craft and a snack. Parents can sign children up to participate in the summer program while there. Library is also open for patrons to check out books.

6/8/22 **Escanaba Summer Reading program Kick Off: Joel Tacey's Page Surfer Magic Show** 4:30-5:30pm at the Escanaba Public Library. Families will have a blast with Michigan's very own Funny Man, Joel Tacey, who puts on an interactive show full of wonder and laughs! Free. No RSVP required. Stay for the Library's Ice Cream Social at 6!

6/8/22 **Classic Car Night** 5:30pm-8:30pm 2nd Wednesday of the month at Catmando's in downtown Escanaba. Raffles, food, prizes and lots of fun! June proceeds to benefit Tri-County Womens Shelter. Rain date is the following day.

6/8/22 **Friends of the Escanaba Public Library's Annual Ice Cream Social & book sale** 6 pm on the library's north lawn. Entertainment will be provided by the Escanaba City Band. Bad weather will move the event indoors. There will also be a Used Book Sale. Fiction, nonfiction, hardcover, and paperback books, as well as CDs and DVDs, will be \$1.00 each. Proceeds go to the Friends of the Escanaba Public Library. www.escanabalibrary.org

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6/9 & 6/23/22 **Live on the Lawn** 11:45am to 1:15pm on the Escanaba Public Library's north lawn. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and spend some time outdoors. Food truck on site! (Inclement weather moves the event to the City Hall Council Room.) Events through 8/18/22.

- 6/9 Music with Awake with Birds (Madison based duo)
- 6/23 Celtic music with Failte'

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June 21 Messy Play! (with Great Start to Quality) **2pm-4pm at Van Cleve Park Beach House Area**

Let your child's curiosity blossom as they explore a variety of materials. They will engage their senses and express their creativity as they learn through play.

July 26 Bubbles! **10am-noon Besse Park**

Everyone loves bubbles, but did you know playing with bubbles helps kid's with eye-hand coordination and gross motor skills, and language development? Kids can make their own wands and you will get a recipe to make your own solution at home.

August 30 Water Play **10am-noon Escanaba Beach**

We will splish, splash, build and experiment with sand and water! Kids use tubes, measuring cups, funnels and various containers to practice early math and STEM skills (science, technology, engineering and math).

Rain or shine! (unless it's thundering then a rain date will be offered)
Contact Autumn Fournier 906-280-0071 with any questions.

6/9/22 **Hot Rods & Harleys Cruise Nights** 4pm-8pm downtown Rapid River, Michigan. Every other Thursday rain or shine. All classes, makes, models and years welcome. Prizes and surprises to be announced.

6/10/22 **Lego Club** 1pm at the Escanaba Public Library. Visit www.escanabalibrary.org for more details!

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6/11/22 **Michigan DNR 29th Annual Kids Fishing Day at Pocket Park** 11am-3pm. The event is moving from Camp 7 to Escanaba this year. Fishing fun for ages 16 and under includes a casting contest, raffle prizes, minnow races, face painting, free food, Smokey the Bear, and raffle prizes.

6/11/22 **Summer Bash!** 11am-3pm 8 S. 11th St, Gladstone at Family Roots Chiropractic. A free family event! Snow cones, hot dogs bounce houses, face painting and local vendors. Call 906-399-7271 with questions.

6/11, 6/18, 6/25 & 7/1/22 **UPIR Races** at the UP State Fairgrounds begin at 6pm Eastern time for all Saturday races unless otherwise stated. \$7 kids 10 yrs. and under FREE.

6/13/22-8/12/22 **YMCA Day Camps** Weekly themed camps for kids ages 5-12 years 9am-4pm Monday – Friday. Kids enjoy arts & crafts, songs, games, water time, new friends and more! \$145 members/\$175 non-members. Financial assistance is available. Before and After Care are offered from 7:30 am – 9:00 am & 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm at no additional charge. **Camp Harstad** day camp for kids with special needs 6/13/22 through 8/12/22 \$40 per week. www.nlymca.com

6/14, 6/21 and 6/28/22 **Munch with the Lunch Bunch Children's Summer Reading** Tuesdays at 11:30am at the Escanaba Public Library's children's patio. Kids ages 4-12 years bring a lunch and enjoy stories together. Rain cancels event.

6/14 through 7/14/22 **YMCA T-Ball** Tuesdays 5pm-6pm, games Thursdays 5:15pm starting the 23rd at the Wells Town Hall Field. Kids (ages 4-6) Get into the swing of things this summer as they learn the very basics of the game: swinging, throwing, catching, and base running. Players will need to bring a glove to practice and games. \$40 Members \$80 General Public nlymca.com

6/16/22 **American Red Cross CPR/AED/First Aid/Bloodborne Pathogens Training** 11am-2:30pm at the Northern Lights YMCA. This Learn lifesaving skills in a blended learning course. Online portion takes 40 min to 3 hours (depending on prior knowledge) before the live class. It is required that the online content is completed before attending the in-person session. The in-class portion is scheduled for 3.5 hours. Online course information will be sent at least 1 week prior to the in-person class session. \$90 members/\$120 non-members www.nlymca.com

6/16 through 7/7/22 **Kid's Garden Series** a 4 part series from on Thursdays from 1pm-3pm at the Bonifas Art Center Garden. Kids in 1st to 6th grade learn upcycling, creative art skills, and earth friendly gardening techniques all in one class. Attendants will collect items from nature for parts of their projects and will need a few items from home to create our art filled gardens. \$40 for series members/\$48 non-members www.bonifasart.org

6/16 through 8/18/22 **Gladstone Summer Concert Series** 7pm-9pm weekly summer concerts on Thursdays at the beach house in Van Cleve Park. www.gladstonemi.org

- 6/16 Backroads 906 - variety
- 6/23 Big Al & the Tomatas - variety
- 6/30 Sit Down Francis - rock variety

6/17-6/19/22 **46th Annual Great Lakes Pow Wow** at the Woodland Gathering Grounds, located directly behind the Island Resort & Casino Sweetgrass Golf Course on Hannahville B-1 Road. Grand Entries: Friday 7pm, Saturday 1pm and 7pm., Sunday: 12pm (noon) Visit www.hannahville.net/pow-wow-2 or contact Molly Meshigaud at (906) 723-2274 with any questions.

6/17 & 6/18/22 **Escanaba City Wide Rummage Sale** 7am-5pm. Contact the Daily Press at 906-786-2021 to add your address to the map (\$30) by June 6th at 5pm. Maps listed in Daily press on 6/10 & 6/16 and in the UP Action on 6/12.



6/19/21 **Monster Truck Throwdown** 11am-4:15pm at the UP Fairgrounds. Track party and autographs start at 11am, engines fire up at 2pm. Check out monster truck superstars plus SCOTT MURRAY Sick Air Freestyle Motocross and your chance to take a ride on a real MONSTER truck! Advance tickets sale starts 11am June 17th. Tickets run \$13 kids (2-12yrs), adults (13+) \$20 in advance (\$16/\$25 at the gate). \$55 Family 4 pack (2adults/2kids), Infants 1 & under free, VIP \$55 regardless of age. www.EscanabaMonsterTrucks.Eventbrite.com for details and tickets.

6/20 through 6/25/22 **Missoula Children's Theatre presents The Emperor's New Clothes** Missoula is a week-long children's theater experience for kids in 1st through 12th grade that ends with two performances. Daily rehearsals for kids in 1st through 12th grade from 10am -noon/12:30-2:30pm. Free Workshops: Tue-Thu, 3-4pm. Performances open to the public on 6/25/22 at 3pm & 6pm. \$8 per person kids 5 and under are free. Tickets go on sale on 6/21/22. Call 906-786-3833 to pre-register. More info at bonifasarts.org

6/20/22 **Kids Tye Dye** 3pm-5pm at the Bonifas Arts Center. Kids in 1st through 6th grade make beautiful tie dye shirts using various dying techniques including shibori. Please call the Bonifas Arts Center @ 906-786-3833 to register and inform the size t-shirt your child will need. \$30 M, \$38 NM www.bonifasart.org

6/20 through 8/15/22 **Escanaba Music Mondays** 7-9pm Enjoy free music on Mondays at the Ludington Park band shell. Rain dates on Tuesdays. 6/20 Jam Band, 6/27 Wingin' It.

6/21/22 **Delta-Schoolcraft Great Start Family Coalition Meeting** 2pm-4pm at Van Cleve Park. We will join in on the Meet in Play Messy Play activities, play and have afternoon snacks. Contact Laurie Mold at 906-786-9300 ext. 111 or lmold@dsisd.net with any questions.

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6/21/22 **Fairy Houses** 6pm-8pm at the Bonifas Art Center. Learn how to make an enchanting little house for your garden. Bring special trinkets from home and work them into your design. Ages 6 to adult. \$23 members/\$28 non-members. www.bonifasart.org

6/22 & 6/29/22 **Escanaba City Band Concerts** 7:30pm on Wednesdays through the summer at the Ludington Park band shell. Rain dates will be on Thursdays. Find them on Facebook for more information

6/25/22 **Movie Night in Ludington Park** 9:30pm-11:10pm free family movie at the Karas Bandshell featuring **Sing 2**. Bring your blankets and PJ's! (A raindate will be scheduled in the event it is raining)

6/27, 6/28, 6/29 & 6/30/2022 **Kids Animal Art Camp** 10am-noon at the Bonifas Art Center. Kids Ages in 1st through 6th grade learn about art and design while creating beautiful works based on the animal kingdom. Kids will explore various art techniques, water-color, collage, paper design and more in this exciting art camp. \$40 members/\$48 non-members. www.bonifasart.org

6/28/22 **Strings on the Bay Concert Series** 7pm-9pm at Bay College's Besse Theater in Escanaba June features Flutist Emily Olson, violinist Mallory Tabb and pianist Robert Conway in a program entitled "Midsummer Medley". \$6 students, \$12 adults, \$30 for 3 adult tickets. Next concert dates: July 26th, and August 9th. www.baycollege.edu

6/29/22 **Feed America Food Truck** 2pm at the Salvation Army 3001 5th Ave. S., Escanaba

6/29/22 **The Benefits of Messy Play!** 6:30pm-7:30pm on Zoom A virtual event with Great Start to Quality. Join parents and other family members across the Upper Peninsula as we explore how messy play supports child development. It's good to get messy! Register at <https://tinyurl.com/yajt5d57>

7/2-7/4/22 **Bark River Sesquicentennial Celebration** The History Room at the Bark River Senior Center will be open all three days. A sesquicentennial time capsule and sesquicentennial quilt will be on display.

- 7/2 Bark River-Harris All Class Reunion, golf outing, & open house
- 7/3 Sesquicentennial Day at the park in Bark River including an ecumenical church service, fiddler performance, Great Lakes Timber Show, 1871 family games, baseball game and music in the park
- 7/4 Bark River's Annual 4th of July Celebration including a parade and festivities in the park.

7/2/22 **Escanaba 4th of July Celebration Ludington Park**

- 4pm-7pm Live Music with We Ain't Saints
- 8:30pm City Band
- Fireworks at dusk (rain date July 9th)

7/4/22 **Gladstone 4th of July Celebration Van Cleve Park**

- 8am Firecracker 5 mile run
- 11am Parade
- Log rolling, bounce houses, food and live music in the park following the parade
- Fireworks at dusk

Delta-Schoolcraft Great Start Family Coalition News

Here are some exciting activities and changes we are making this summer:

- Combining our newsletter for both Counties into one that is PACKED with information for families.
- Contracting with Trusted Advisors in Delta and Schoolcraft Counties to provide connections for families. (Monthly Coalition meetings, Play & Learn with Clear Lake Education Center and Meet and Play groups)
- Planning a community picnic for September in Delta County
- Installing a Talking is Teaching Storywalk at the Bark River Sports Complex Hiking Trail
- Bringing portable Storywalks at community events this summer
- Creating indoor Infant and toddler play spaces at the Manistique Public Library and Delta Northern Lights YMCA
- Supplying board books, storytime bags and planning community outreach events with the Escanaba Public Library's new bookmobile
- Adding a play space for infants and toddler at the new Escanaba Splash Pad. (coming in 2023)

All of this is possible thanks to the hard work of our members and the many grants we have received this year. You can be a part of making great things happen. Contact us to learn more about the Family Coalition!



**GUIDING
GOOD CHOICES**

Free six week parent workshop series for ALL Upper Peninsula Families.



The pandemic has been hard on us all... but GGC can provide families with tools to help.

Dates and Times

June 7 - July 12	Tuesdays	5:30-7:30 PM
July 28 - Sept 1	Thursdays	6:00-8:00 PM

Go to uptc.com to register

Questions? Michelle Chaillier, Prevention Specialist
Public Health, Delta & Menominee Counties (906)789-8104

Michigan Alliance for Families

FREE Special Education Webinars for families

- June 1st Putting Your SPIN on Life with Stephanie Nicholls and Stacie Rulison 7:00-8:00pm. ASL interpreter services provided
- June 8th EP: A Closer Look with Stephanie Nicholls 1:30-3:00PM

Visit www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org to register

Michigan State University Extension Free Online Parenting Classes

Early Childhood Online Extension Extra Parenting Hour

A free online series of parenting workshops that provides guidance for parents of young children as they navigate the challenges, joys, and concerns of parenting. They run from **Tuesdays from 8pm-9:30pm.**

- 6/7 How Children Develop
- 6/14 Essential Skills for Learning and Life
- 6/21 Mindfulness for Children
- 6/28 Learning to Talk

Parenting Webinar Series

Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting

June-July 7:30pm-9pm EST online A FREE online course for parents of toddlers to teens to learn strategies for helping children, parents and families be successful.

Visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events>
or details and to registration links
for all of these FREE online learning opportunities

A Virtual Family Education Event

Benefits of Messy Play

Wednesday, June 29

6:30 - 7:30 pm ET

Register Here:

<https://tinyurl.com/ycjt5d57>



Join parents and other family members across the Upper Peninsula as we explore how messy play supports child development. It's good to get messy!

This virtual event will take place on Zoom and is a collaborative effort between the Great Start to Quality Upper Peninsula Resource Center and Great Start Parent Coalitions to support families across the U.P.



Funding from the Office of Great Start within the Michigan Department of Education supports the implementation of Great Start

Still more summertime fun!

Sports & Recreation

Escanaba City Recreation- Soccer and disc golf . Call 906-786-4141 or visit www.escanaba.org

Gladstone City Recreation- Pram lessons (5yrs +) Registration runs Mon through 7/1/22 . Program runs 7/5 through 7/15 Visit gladstone-mi.org for details and to register

YMCA Summer programs include day camps swimming lessons, t-ball & more! Visit www.nlymca.com or call 906-789-0005 for more program information.

T-Ball/Baseball Search for Little League online or on Facebook to find your city's league.

Marial Arts Classes at local studios are open all year! Don't forget to splash around at the Escanaba & Gladstone Beach!

Animals

De Young Family Zoo-Wallace, MI Tues-Sun 10am-5pm 906-788-4093 www.thedeyoungfamilyzoo.com

Garlyn Zoo-Naubinway, MI Open 7 days 10am-6pm (April through August) 906-477-1085 www.garlynzoo.com

Oswald's Bear Ranch-Newberry, MI 9:30am-5:30pm through Oct 10th 906-293-3147 www.oswaldsbearranch.com

Family Fun

Summertime is the perfect time to unplug and enjoy the beauty of the outdoors! Hit the beach, blow bubbles, and be silly. Play, explore and enjoy time with your children. They will be learning and you will be making wonderful memories together.

Bowl-A-Rama-open bowling and cyber bowling 906-786-6500

UPUTT Family Fun Center-indoor miniature golf and arcade 906-233-7733

Pocket Park -free catch and release fishing for all ages. Call 906-789-0714 for hours and information

Gladstone Van Cleave Park Kids Kingdom FREE!

Escanaba Ludington Park Harbor Hideout FREE!

Escanaba Bike Path at Ludington Park-FREE! Free Bike rentals at the Escanaba Marina!

Disc Golf in Escanaba at Ludington, Pioneer Trail & Besse Parks, and at Gladstone Sports Park FREE!

