

Delta-Schoolcraft Great Start Family Coalition Newsletter



JUNE 2025



Great Start Family Coalition

The Great Start Family Coalition (GSFC) is a team of parents and caregivers working to improve early childhood outcomes in our area. The GSFC supports the Great Start Collaborative by educating the community about the importance of a child's early years and ways to help kids thrive. We want all kids to get a great start in school and life! We invite you to our monthly meetings where we learn, support, and have fun together. Contact Laurie Mold or Monica Powell to RSVP or for more information about how you can get involved.

6/9 Delta County Meet-Up 5:30PM at Seven Acres Garden/ Bark River Sports Complex

Schoolcraft Monthly Meetings will resume in the fall

Story Times

Manistique School & Public Library

6/25 Animal Art at 1pm

Manistique Senior Center

6/4 Great Start Storytime at 10:30am

Delta Animal Shelter

6/7 at 10:30am

Escanaba Public Library

6/21 Great Start Storytime 10:30am

6/28 STEAM Storytime 1pm

Great Start Play & Learn

(Registration required. Info on pg 5)

6/17 Besse Park 10am

6/18 Manistique Lakeshore Campground 10am

6/23 Big Bay School 10am

6/24 Bark River Sports Complex 10am

DELTA-SCHOOLCRAFT FAMILY COALITION HIGHLIGHTS

Finally summertime fun time!

In May, we hosted our final Fun Night of the season with Youth Empowering Services. We thank them and United Way of Escanaba for helping to provide these opportunities for families at the Escanaba Public Library. We also hosted an open house at We Rock the Spectrum-UP North, where families had a chance to check out this amazing new facility.

Both groups were busy planning events for summer and discussing projects for fall. Our members have so many great ideas!! Some of the exciting things we have planned are our Great Start Play & Learn workshops and storytimes. These are hosted by either Clear Lake Education Center or Teacher Consultant, Allison Rae. They will take place monthly in area parks in Delta & Schoolcraft Counties. See page 5 for registration information and details.



**Stories & Crafts with Senior & Tots
learned all about how plants grow!**

Great Start's storytimes will continue over summer at the Manistique and Escanaba Public Libraries as well Little Explorers Playgroup and Senior Tot time in Manistique. However, the Schoolcraft's Coalition will not be formally meeting again until Fall. The Delta Coalition will be hosting Summer 'Meet-Ups' instead of its usual meetings. It's a great chance to come out and get to know us! We are planning some fun field trips. This month we are taking a tour of Seven Acres Garden where kids learn about plants and plant their own seedling, then we head over to the Bark River Sports Complex for a picnic dinner and playtime. We are also looking at visiting Pocket Park and a beach day! Members have discussed hosting a few pop-up events and other fun activities so be sure to read the newsletter and check facebook for these as they are announced. Also check out all the events and activities for kids and families this month. Wow!! It's going to be an awesome summer!!



great-start.org

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June 2025 Community Events



Delta County Events

Schoolcraft Events begin on Page 6



6/1, 6/7, 6/15, 6/28, 7/5/25/25 **Escanaba Motor Speedway** Sat 7pm start time/Sun 5pm start at the UP State Fairgrounds.

6/2-6/30/25 **Kid's Gym Music Mondays** 10am-noon Miss Karsyn leads and all ages musical funtime. Included in regular play price. werockthespectrumupnorth.com

6/2 through 6/30/25 **Parent Tot Playtime** 9am to noon Monday through Friday at the Northern Lights YMCA. Playtime is open and FREE to ALL families with kids 5 and under looking to socialize and play! Call 906-789-0005 to reserve a time or for more info.

6/2 through 10/16/25 **Rapid River Farmers Market** Mondays & Thursdays 3pm-6pm until 10/16 at the Masonville Township Recreation Area, Cole St, Rapid River.

6/2 through 10/1/24 **Gladstone Farmers Market** Mondays 3pm-6pm at the Market Square, 907 Delta Avenue.

6/2 through 8/4/25 **Music Mondays** at Karas Bandshell in Ludington Park. 7pm-9pm. Food trucks and bands vary weekly.

- 6/2 The Grand Design Band/ Brisket Barn & Tumbleweeds (food)
- 6/9 Kind of Blues/Brisket Barn & Tumbleweeds
- 6/16 Boots & Sandles/Brisket Barn & Tumbleweeds
- 6/23 Wingin' It/ Brisket Barn & Wildman Munchie Mobile
- 7/7 Stonewall/Brisket Barn & Tumbleweeds

6/3-6/24/25 **Toddler Tuesdays** 9am-11am at We Rock the Spectrum-UP North. A special playtime for kids 1-4 years old. \$12 per child. werockthespectrumupnorth.com

6/4 through 8/23/25 **Lunch on Ludington** 11:30am-1:30pm at the Escanaba Marketplace 1500 Block of Ludington St. Free music, bring your lunch, and enjoy the music.

- 6/4 Whiskey Ryan
- 6/11 The Lark brothers
- 6/18 The Make Believe Spurs
- 6/25 Sailer & Sjoquist
- 7/2 Roman Around

6/4 through 6/25/25 **Snacks with Serenity** Wednesdays 11:30am-1:30pm at We Rock the Spectrum UP North. Miss Serenity teaches kids ages 6-10 years old to prepare fun and healthy snacks! Recommended for kids who can measure ingredients and cut soft foods with a knife. Included in the open play-\$16 for drop-in. werockthespectrumupnorth.com

6/4 through 10/25/25 **Escanaba Farmer's Market** 1501 Ludington St. Open Wednesdays 3pm-6pm & Saturdays 8am-12pm with "pop-up" markets beginning June 13 at the marketplace on Fridays from 11am to 4pm through the summer.

6/4, 6/11, 6/18 & 6/25/25 **Boat Races** 7pm Wednesday evenings hosted by the Escanaba Yacht Club. Races start near the harbor mouth. The best vantage point for spectators is from the tip of Sand Point — past the lighthouse, at the eastern end of Water Plant Road.

6/5/25 through 6/26/25 **Rapid River Area Playgroup** 9:30am on Thursdays. Location varies. Follow them on Facebook for details and to be aware of cancellations due to weather or sickness. You may also contact Amanda Nietling at 906-420-4572 for more info.

6/6/25 **Bubbles in the Park** 9am-10:30am at Besse Park, Escanaba Young children and their caregivers are invited to join Growing Families Home Visiting for outdoor bubble fun and cool off with a popsicle and water while supplies last! RSVP or text/call Tiffany with ?'s 906-241-9020.

6/6 & 6/7/25 **Summerfest in the Village** Noon til 9pm both days at the UP Steam & Gas Engine Antique Village on the UP State Fairgrounds. Free family-friendly event. Village shops are open 10am-5pm. Live Music 12-4pm. Demos, kid games, food, and more!

6/6/25 **Last Day of School/Pajama Party** 5pm-9pm at Jim's Dari-Kreme in Escanaba. Bobaloons food truck on site, Mobile Arcade, music, prizes and deals. Every pajama participant receives 30% OFF!

6/7/25 **Pregnancy Services of Delta County 11th Annual Walk 4 Life** 10am at the Miracle of Life Building at the U.P State Fairgrounds. Registration begins at 9:00am and the program will start at 10:00am. The walk will follow immediately. After the Walk Lunch will be provided. There will also be a Silent Auction, live music, a bounce house, and face painting for the kids. Visit pregnancyservicesdc.org for more information.

6/7 & 6/8/25 **17th Annual Carney Round Up** at the Nadeau Township Hall, US 41, Carney. Rain or shine. Saturday Rodeo 5pm, barn dance at 8pm. Sunday breakfast available at 9am, Cowboy Church at 10am, Rodeo Royalty Crowning at 12pm, and Rodeo at 2pm. Wear pink for cancer awareness. Tickets available at carneyrounduprodeo.org

6/8 through 7/28/25 **Art @ The Marketplace** 10am-noon Mondays at the Escanaba Marketplace. FREE summer art projects kids ages K to 5th grade. Registration is required before each event. bonifasarts.org

6/10-6/13/25 **Explorer Camp (Grades K-2)** 8:30am-noon Community Arts Building at the UP State Fairgrounds. Students enjoy creating works of art, sewing, fishing at Pocket Park, animals and more while learning about wildlife native to Delta County. Taught in partnership with the Bonifas Art Center and 4-H. \$50 for members, \$60 for non-members. Register at bonifasarts.org

6/7 & 6/8/25 **Michigan Free Fishing Days** All fishing license fees will be waived for two days across the state for residents and out-of-state visitors on both inland and Great Lakes waters for all species of fish. All fishing regulations still apply. On **June 7th** Kids 16 and under can come to **Pocket Park** from noon-3pm for **Kids Fishing Day** for fishing, tips from Learn2Fish, minnow races and face painting, along with free food and raffle prizes.

6/7 & 6/8/25 **2nd Annual UP Pet Festival** 10am-6pm (Sat)/10am-4pm (Sun) at the UP State Fairground. A weekend of pet fun and activities including agility presentations, K9s skill demonstrations, and "Meet-The-Breed" to learn what makes different types of dogs unique. Plus vendors with pet products, accessories and food for pets and people.. \$5 for ages 13+/12 and under free. Visit uppetfestival.com for FAQs

6/7/25 **Happy Tails Storytime** 10:30 am-11:15 am on the 1st Saturday of the month for ages 3-6 years. Enjoy animal-related stories, crafts, and meet animal guests. It is free. They ask participants to bring an item from the shelter's wish list to help the animals. www.deltaanimal.org

6/7/25 Summer Kick-Off Bike Parade Departs at 3 PM at Mr. Bike and Ski (1016 Ludington St, Downtown Escanaba with a casual loop around Ludington Park ending back at the shop for a Grill-out after! Food is provided (donations welcome)! All ages! EVERYONE is invited! Prizes for the best decorated bike and outfit. RSVP to the event on Facebook & spread the word!

6/7/25 Movie Night in Ludington Park: Wall-E 9:30pm-11:30pm at Karas Bandshell in Ludington Park. Free! Just bring your jammies, a blanket or a chair, and a snack. Weather permitting. July 12 Moana 2, Aug. 9 Minecraft Movie

6/8/25 Classic Car Show 1pm-8pm at Upper Hand Brewery. Classic cars and La Catrina Food Truck. Live music at 2pm. deltami.org

6/9 through 6/14/25 Missoula Children's Theatre presents Treasure Island- Missoula is a week-long children's theater experience for kids in 1st through 12th grade that ends with two performances in the Bay College Besse Theater. Open auditions 6/9 from 10am-noon. Daily rehearsals. Performances open to the public on 6/14/25 at 2pm & 5pm. \$10 per person, kids 5 and under are free. Tickets go on sale on 6/13/23. Call 906-786-3833 to pre-register. More info at bonifasarts.org

6/9/25 Great Start Family Coalition Summer Meet-Up 5:30pm-7:30pm we will meet at Seven Acres Gardens for a greenhouse tour and planting activity for the kids. We will then head over to the Bark River Sports Complex for dinner and playtime (weather permitting) FREE dinner and greenhouse experience. Simply RSVP to Laurie at 419-320-5542 with the number of adults and children attending.

6/11/25 Escanaba Book Mobile in Bark River 12pm-1pm at the Bark River Senior Center the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Open to the public. A Library Card is required for checkout. Onsite registration available with I.D. Call 906-789-7323 for more information.

6/11/25 Escanaba Library Ice Cream Social & Used Book Sale Used book sale runs 4pm-6pm in City Hall. All books \$1. Followed by free ice cream and music with the Escanaba City Band 6pm-7pm in the Escanaba Public Library's garden. escanabalibrary.org

6/11/25 Muscle on Main 5:30pm-8:30pm 1200 block of Ludington St. Free classic car show the 2nd Wednesday of the month through September. Food, 50/50, and lots of fun. All proceeds benefit local charities. Rain date will be held the following day.

6/11/25 All American Circus 7pm at the UP State Fairgrounds, Escanaba. Kids Playzone starts one hour before showtime. Call 941-870-7444 for or visit AllAmericanCircus.com for information and tickets. Online prices: Adults early \$15/\$20 at the door, \$39.95 advance for family 2 adults up to 4 kids (ages 3-12 years), kids \$8 at door. One free child ticket with advance online adult ticket.

6/12 through 8/14/25 Gladstone Summer Concert Series 7pm-9pm at Van Cleve Park, Gladstone. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, coolers, friends, dogs on a short leash, and your dance moves!

- 6/12 Seth Brown Duo -American folk
- 6/19 Chad Borgen and the Collective -classic rock
- 6/26 Tim Hirn & Co. -classic rock/blues

/13-6/15/25 Escanaba City Wide Rummage Sale Get ready to clean your garage, basement and attics for some cash! \$30 to enter. Ad will appear in City Wide Rummage Sale listings in the Daily Press & UP Action. List your child's lemonade or bakery stand to the map for \$5! (Gladstone will be held 7/11-7/13) Visit deltami.org for more details

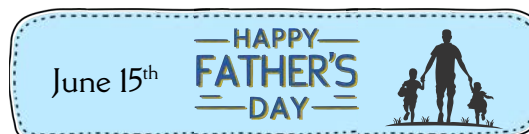
6/13 & 6/14/25 Pictured Rocks Days 3pm-8pm/10am-6pm in Munising. Free for all ages. Pictured Rock Cruises will have free cruises to UP residents. Variety of vendors, food trucks, bands, bounce houses, and more! Visit algercountychamber.com for details.

6/14/25 Family Fun Walk/Run 9am check-in/10am walk in Ludington Park to support Tr-County Safe Harbor to infinity and beyond! A family friendly walk/run with fun stations along the way. Come dressed as your favorite Disney character. Special guest Buzz Lightyear! \$20 Register at Eventbrite online. Call 906-553-7357 with questions.

6/14/25 Monster Truck Throwdown at the U.P. State Fairgrounds. Kicks off with free track party from 12pm-2:30pm. Touch the trucks, meet performers, and truck ride experiences, 1pm-2:15 pm performer autographs, 3pm, engines fire up with monster truck super stars and newcomers. Tickets range \$14 for kids/\$24 adults with packages up to \$72 EscanabaMonsterTrucks.com

6/14/25 Escanaba Library Lego Club 1pm at Escanaba Public Library. Bring one container of Legos per child in attendance. Be entered into a prize drawing. The theme is 'Outdoor Adventure'.

6/14/25 Parents Night Out Scavenger Hunt 6pm-8:30pm at We Rock the SpectruUP North. \$30 per child, siblings ½ off. Call 906-553-7816 to register and more information.



6/15/25 Rock Lions Father's Day Breakfast 9am-1pm at the Rock Lions Club 14454 M-35, Rock. Full buffet \$12 adults, \$9 ages 6-12, 5 and under free. Bring a non-perishable food item if you are able for their canned food drive.

6/16/25 IEP: A Closer Look 9:30-11:00am webinar from Michigan Alliance for Families Visit www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org for registration & more special education information

6/16-6/20/25 Mega Sports Camp 5:30pm-8:30pm at New Life Church, Escanaba kids will enjoy action-packed sports training sessions mixed with fun rallies around sports and faith. Join the Cheer, Basketball, Soccer and Arts and Crafts teams. \$30 Register at newlife906.churchcenter.com

6/17 and 6/24/25 8/12 /25 Great Start Play & Learn 10am Meets monthly at parks in Delta County. Free, fun storytimes with engaging hands-on learning. Designed for kids ages 2-6 years old and their caregivers (siblings and older/younger kids are welcome too!) Sessions led by Allison Rae, Teacher Consultant or Clear Lake Education Center. See page 5 for more details. Register at <https://bit.ly/playandlearn25>

- **17 Nature Rocks!** (exploring nature) with Clear Lake Education Center at Besse Park
- **24 There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Rainbow** with Allison Rae at Bark River Sports Park

6/18/25 Kids Tye-Dying with Rosie 10 am – 11 am at the Bonifas Art Center. Rosie will teach kids 2 - 6 grade, how to make tie-dye shirts for the summer! Students bring a pre-washed white T-shirt for the class. \$25 M / \$35 NM Register at bonifasarts.org

6/18/25 **Feed America Mobile Food Pantry** 10am at the Salvation Army 3001 5th Ave. S., Escanaba.

6/18 though 8/13/25 **Escanaba City Band Concerts** 7:30-8:30pm Wednesdays through the summer at the Ludington Park band shell. Rain dates will be on Thursdays. Visit Facebook for more info.

6/19 & 7/3/25 **Live on the Lawn Summer Music Series** 11:45am to 1:15pm on the Escanaba Public Library's north lawn. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and spend some time outdoors. Enjoy music and grab a bite at Wildman's Food Truck on site! (Inclement weather moves the event inside or to the Marketplace on Ludington Street.) escanabalibrary.org

- 6/19 Patrick Booth (jazz).
- 7/3 Cloverland Band (bluegrass)

6/20/25 **Color Our World: Clay Color** 1pm at the Escanaba Public Library with Escanaba Art Teacher Beth Peterson. Kids grades K-5 explore color mixing through a tactile experience, create new colors with clay, then build a sculpture they can take home. Registration is required as space is limited. Please call the library at 906-789-7323 by Wednesday, June 18 to register.

6/20, 7/18, 8/22/25 **Hot Rods and Harleys Cruise** at American Legion Post 71, Gladstone 4pm-8pm All makes, models, years welcome. Rain or shine.

6/20 & 6/21/25 **Northwoods Motor Mayhem** featuring a car show, vendors, live music, tractor pulls, a burnout contest and mini-bike races, will return to the fairgrounds

6/21/25 **Great Start Storytime: Summer Reading** 10:30am at the Escanaba Public Library. The Great Start Family Coalition presents a free storytime for ages 0-8 years old. There will be stories, movement activities, and social time! Each child will get a new book and each family will receive a complimentary Ride & Read Rhythm and Rhyme Activity bag courtesy of United Way while supplies last. FREE No registration is required. Contact Imold@dsisd.net for more info.

6/21/25 **Make Music Day** Escanaba joins more than 4,700 cities in 150 countries for a worldwide celebration of music. Music will play all around town in celebration of the summer solstice including a barbershop chorus, students from Jim's Music, Esky Baroque and more! Performers scheduled at the marketplace, Elmer's, and the Escanaba Public Library, where United Way is donating a free 'Rhythm & Rhyme' Ride & Read Activity Bag to each family at the 10:30am Great Start Storytime while supplies last!

6/24-6/27/25 **Explorer Camp (Grades 3-6)** 8:30am-3pm Community Arts Building at the UP State Fairgrounds. Students enjoy creating works of art, sewing, fishing, archery, and BB guns at Pocket Park, animals, and more while learning about wildlife native to Delta County. Taught in partnership with the Bonifas Art Center and 4-H. \$60 for members, \$70 for non-members. Register at bonifasarts.org

6/24/25 **Baby Cafe** 4pm-6pm at Pregnancy Services of Delta Co. A free drop-in support and information group for all expecting and breastfeeding mothers and their babies. Contact 906-786-7474 or with any questions.

6/24/25 **Strings On The Bay: Menagerie** 7pm-8:30pm in Bay College's Besse Theater featuring Franz Schubert's piano quintet the "Trout". Tickets \$7-\$15 at baycollege.edu

6/25/25 **Escanaba Book Mobile in Rock** 1pm-2pm at the Rock Senior Center the last Wednesday of the month. Open to the public. A Library Card is required for checkout. Onsite registration available with I.D. Call 906-789-7323 for more info.

6/26/25 **Bubbles in the Park** 7pm-8:30pm at Van Cleve Park, Gladstone. (Meet near the toddler area) Young children and their caregivers are invited to join Growing Families Home Visiting for outdoor bubble fun, and cool off with a popsicle and water while supplies last! RSVP or text/call Tiffany with questions 906-241-9020.

6/26/25 **Parents Like Me Support Group** 7pm-8:30pm at the Escanaba Early Childhood Center 1905 S. 21st St. For parents raising children with special needs. Snacks and beverages provided. No childcare. Contact Carrie at 906-786-7080 EXT 163 to RSVP.

6/28/25 **S.T.E.A.M. Storytime** 1pm at the Escanaba Public Library Join Robomos and Technomos for a fun storytime geared for children ages 5-12 and will include a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) craft. No registration is required for this free event.

6/28/25 **Escanaba Log Jam** 10am-10pm on Ludington St. between 10th & 12th street. Logjam Music Festival is a community street concert featuring artists, vendors and local businesses along with Lumberjack Competitions (10:30-6:30pm) and a Great Lakes Timber Show plus 10 bands The schedule is:

Main Stage
12:30-2 p.m. Sit Down Francis

3-4:30 p.m. Sky Pilots

5:30-7 p.m. Stonewall

8-10 p.m. Them Pesky Kids

Center Court Stage

12:15 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Roman Around

2:45-4:15 p.m. Tony Crispigna

5:15-6:45 p.m. George Sailer

Side Stage

2-3 Dust Bunnies

4:30-5:30 p.m. Turbulence

7-8 p.m. Pick Stop

Great Lakes Timber Show

2-2:30 p.m.

4:30-5 p.m.

6/30/25 **Family Day at the Gladstone Farmer's Market** 3pm-6pm at Market Square in Gladstone. An extra festive day with special guests and activities for kids. Visit the Great Start Family Coalition for a free craft and book!

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Great Start Storytime

Summer Reading!

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025
10:30am
at the Escanaba Public Library

Join the Great Start Family Coalition for stories and activities together as we celebrate summer and International Make Music Day! United Way of Delta County is donating a free 'Rhythm & Rhyme' Read and Ride travel activity bag for each family (while supplies last). Plus, a free book for every child from Great Start to get summer reading on the road!

Free and open to all families with kids 0-8
No registration required.

Questions? Information? Contact:
Laurie Mold at
Imold@dsisd.net
text/call 419-320-5542
or visit great-start.org

United Way of Delta County
Delta-Schoolcraft
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Great Start

PLAY & LEARN



Great Start's Play & Learns are FREE fun, outdoor storytimes with engaging hands-on learning stations designed for kids 2-6 years old and their caregivers. (Siblings and older kids are welcome too.)

All begin at 10 AM with Storytime!

Delta Locations

June

17 (Tuesday) Nature Rocks! (exploring nature) with Clear Lake Education Center at Besse Park

24 (Tuesday) There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Rainbow with Allison Rae at Bark River Sports Park

July

15 (Tuesday) Make It GO! (Discovering the physics of motion) with Clear Lake Education Center at Besse Park

22 (Tuesday) Down by the Bay with Allison Rae at Van Cleve Park, Gladstone

August

12 (Tuesday) Bug Out! (Understanding helpful insects) with Clear Lake Education Center at Besse Park

Schoolcraft Locations

June

18 (Wednesday) Nature Rocks! (exploring nature) with Clear Lake Education Center at Manistique Lakeshore Campground

23 (Monday) There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Rainbow with Allison Rae at Big Bay School Gym, Garden

July

16 (Wednesday) Make It GO! (Discovering the physics of motion) with Clear Lake Education Center at Manistique Lakeshore Campground

21 (Monday) Down by the Bay with Allison Rae at Manistique Lakeshore Campground

August

13 (Wednesday) Bug Out! (Understanding helpful insects) with Clear Lake Education Center at Manistique Lakeshore Campground



Registration required by scanning the QR code or at <https://bit.ly/playandlearn25>

Call/text Laurie Mold (Delta) 419-320-5542, or Monica Powell (Schoolcraft) at 574-274-1949 for additional information.



Schoolcraft County Events



6/1 through 6/8 **Made U.P Art Showcase Event** All artists living in the Manistique area are invited to showcase one piece of art. There is a \$10 entry fee per artist. The display will be open every day except Sundays from May 17th to June 8th. Please contact 708-341- 2782 for more information. Lake Effect Community Arts Center, 244 S Cedar St, Manistique, MI

6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 6/23 & 6/30 **Food and Clothing Pantry** 11am-1pm at the Christ Fellowship Church in Germfask. Weekly on Mondays. Free food and clothing for families in need. Closed on holidays. Contact Pastor Diana at 906-286-0591 for more information.

6/4/25 **Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry** 10am-11:30am or until food is gone at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital 7870 West US-2. Manistique.

6/4/25 **Delta-Schoolcraft Great Start Canada Alphabet Adventures** 10:30am-11:30am Join us at the Manistique Senior Center for a fun story time all about Canada! We will be reading a Canadian ABC Book and also be making a fun ribbon wand craft. A snack will be provided. All are welcome! 101 Main Street, Manistique.

6/4 through 6/25 **Manistique Farmer and Artisan Market** 5pm-6:30pm Located at Triangle Park (Oak St and Arbutus Ave in Manistique) Every Wednesday fresh and local food, crafts, and other items. On Rainy days the market moves indoors to Lake Effect Arts at 244 S Cedar St

6/5 & 6/19 **Acoustic Jam Sessions** 6pm-9pm at Lake Effect Community Arts Center the first and third Thursdays. All are welcome! For questions contact Tim at 906-236-2597. 244 S Cedar St. Manistique MI.

6/6, 6/13, 6/20, & 6/27 **Elks Fish Fry** 4:30pm-7:30 Every Friday night Fish Fry. Take Out, Curbside Pick Up or Indoor Dining Available. All entrees \$18.00. Call 906-341-2536 with any questions. 213 Walnut St. Manistique

6/6, 6/13, 6/20, & 6/27 **Friday Fish Fry** 5pm - 8pm Public Welcome! Take out or inside Dining. Manistique Moose Lodge, M-149, Manistique.

6/6/25 **Niiwin Noodin Pow Wow Teaching and Talking Circle** at 6pm Behind Manistique Tribal Community Center, 5698W U.S. Highway 2, Manistique, MI

6/6/25 **Schools Out for the Summer DJ Night** 5pm-8pm at Michigan Made. Schools Out! Come down and have fun playing games and dancing to a live DJ. Free Entry & Free raffle drawings. Pop, snacks, and root beer available to purchase. Students and families are welcome! Parents are encouraged to stay. Michigan Made is not responsible for chaperoning. 215 Oak St. Manistique MI.

6/6/25 **Morning Bird Watch** 7am-8am Join us for a morning bird watch at one of our Warbler Wonderland sites, where we spotted multiple species including a Cape May warbler. All are welcome regardless of experience or skill level! Thompson Christmas Tree Ship Park

6/7/25 **Third Annual Niiwin Noodin Pow Wow** 10am-6pm Sault Tribe Annual Pow Wow. All are Welcome! Vendors are open at 10am, Grand Entry at 1pm, followed by the community feast at 6pm. For more information contact 906-450-4309 or niiwinnoodinpowwow@gmail.com Behind Manistique Tribal Community Center, 5698W U.S. Highway 2, Manistique, MI

6/7/25 **Rummage Sale** 9am-12pm Presbyterian Church, 314 Main St, Manistique, MI. Come to the Rummage Sale! We are raising funds to help sponsor "Feeding America".

6/9 through 8/29 **Free Congregate/Homestyle Meals** 7:30am-1:30pm Free meals served at the Schoolcraft County Fairgrounds. Drop in, no enrollment necessary. Open Monday- Friday to all children up to 18 years of age. Breakfast is served from 7:30am-9:30am. Lunch is served from 11:30am-1:30pm. Join for one meal or both breakfast and lunch.

6/9 through 8/29 **Summer Day Camp** 7am-5pm Open Every Monday through Friday at the Schoolcraft County Fairgrounds. Open to all school aged children 3 ½ to 18 years old. Attend anytime between 7am and 5pm for care, companionship, educational, recreational and enrichment activities. Breakfast, lunch, and a snack are also provided. \$1/hour/child. Drop ins and flexible schedules welcomed. Applications can be found at www.schoolcraftfairgrounds.com or 4seasonsfairfun@centurytel.net.

6/9, 6/10, & 6/11/25 **Elementary Volleyball Camp** 9am-12:30pm for boys and girls at the Manistique High School Gym. Current K-2nd: 9am-10:30am Current 3-5th :11am-12:30pm Cost \$40(includes a camp volleyball)

6/10 through 8/29 **Free Home Delivered/Grab-n-Go Style Meals** 3pm-6pm Free food for kids delivered to your door! Open to all children up to 18 years of age. Breakfast and lunches for 7 days provided to each child every week. Meals will be delivered on Tuesdays and on Fridays between 3pm and 6pm. Household contact and consent form must be filled out and can be found at www.schoolcraftfairgrounds.com or 4seasonsfairfun@centurytel.net.

6/10/25 **Taco Tuesday** 11:00am - 4:00pm VFW Hall, N Maple St, Manistique. Public Welcome. Tacos Hard or Soft Shell - \$3 each or 2 for \$5. Chicken Quesadilla - \$8. Taco Salad - \$8. Nachos - \$6

6/11, 6/18 & 6/25 **Safe Sitter Class** Safe Sitter prepares students in grades 6-8 to be safe when they are home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting. Class space is limited to 8 students and is free! The classes will run June 11, 18, and 25 from 9am-4pm. Contact Elizabeth Ross at 906-341-1880 or eross@scmh.org for more information.

6/11/25 **Delta-Schoolcraft Great Start Little Summer Explorers: All About Nature** 10am-11:30am at the Manistique Lakeshore Campground Pavillion 375 Traders Point Drive Stop #4. Come anytime between 10 and 11:30 for summer outdoor activities! We will be having a nature scavenger hunt. A snack and free book will be provided at each event. This event is geared toward 0-5 year olds, but everyone is welcome! No Reservation is required. For more information contact Monica Powell at 574-274-1949 or mpowell@dsisd.net

6/12/25 **Authors Night** 4pm-6pm Manistique School & Public Library 100 N Cedar St Manistique. Here is your chance to visit with several local authors, purchase their books, and get them signed!

6/13/25 **Summer Street Party** 6:30pm-9:30pm This event is open to the entire community! Guests can expect bean bag toss, a live music performance from the 2nd Edition band, a pop-up shop with NC Jewelry, a pop-up lemonade stand with The Cake Lady at 19 Acres, and so much more! The Social District in Downtown Manistique, South Cedar Street, Manistique, MI

6/16/25 **IEP: A Closer Look** 9:30-11:00am webinar from Michigan Alliance for Families Visit www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org for registration & more special education information

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6/16 through 6/19 **Manistique Area Vacation Bible School** 9am-12pm The Manistique Ministerial Association is inviting the public to summer Vacation Bible Schools held at various churches this summer. First United Methodist Church is June 16-19. Call 906-341-6662 for more information. First United Methodist Church, 190 N Cedar St, Manistique

6/17/25 **Native Plant Gardens Workshop** 5pm-6pm Free and open to all! Join us for a workshop on building your own native plant garden. What does "native" mean? What are the benefits of planting native plants? How do you select the best plants for your garden? All participants get a free plant. 100 North Cedar Street, Manistique, MI

6/18 & 6/25 **Music in Manistique Concert Series** 6:30pm Free concert every Wednesday at the Manistique Bandshell 180 N Maple St Manistique. June 18th- Derrell Syria- Reggae & Variety
June 25th- Grand Design- Classics, 60s, 70s & 80s

6/18 & 6/23/25 **Delta-Schoolcraft Great Start Play & Learn** 10am-11am Free fun storytimes with engaging hands-on learning stations designed for kids 2-6 years old and their caregivers. (Siblings and older kids are welcome too!) Registration is required at <https://bit.ly/playandlearn25>

- June 18-Nature Rocks! (exploring nature): Manistique Lakeshore Campground
- June 23-There was an Old Lady who Swallowed a Rainbow: Big Bay School Gym

6/19/25 **Cooking With Ming!** 6pm-7pm Join Chef Ming Louie and his wife Barbara as they teach us how to make Vietnamese Shrimp Spring Rolls. This is a fun, hands on lesson in the library. You make it, you eat it! 100N Cedar St Manistique, MI

6/21 & 6/22 **Kiwanis Summer Theater Program Presents : Moana Jr.** This exciting program has transformed from a traveling production into a locally led community funded experience. Times TBA.

6/25/25 **Animal Art Day Summer Reading Program** 1pm-2pm Manistique School & Public Library Children's Summer Reading Program Animal Art! You'll learn to "See like a Bee" and hear stories. Learn about critter camo and search the library. See if you can match animals and have a snack. 100 North Cedar Street, Manistique

6/28/25 **Makers Market** 10am-3pm in downtown's Triangle Park 244 S. Cedar Street Manistique MI. There will be artisans, crafters and more! We will be featuring an array of handmade items and various crafts. If you are interested in being a vendor, please message the Facebook page

6/28/25 **Manistique Pioneer Day** 10am -4pm Historic Water Tower, Deer Street, Manistique, MI. Save the Date! More information to come

6/28/25 **"Dirty Dancing" Free Movie Event** 10pm Free event! At dusk, around 10 pm, we will be screening the classic film, Dirty Dancing from 1987. Gates open at 8pm. Concessions include pizza, hot dogs, candy and refreshments. There will also be a "sock hop" with the opportunity to dance with your loved ones before the movie. Highway 2 Community Drive In Theater 5885W US Highway 2, Manistique, MI



Little Summer Explorers

10:00 AM-11:30 AM

FREE!

**JUNE 11- NATURE
JULY 9- BUBBLES
AUGUST 6- WATERMELON**

Manistique Lakeshore Campground Pavillion
375 Traders Point Drive
stop #4

Come and join us on June 11, July 9, and August 6 anytime between 10am-11:30am for summer outdoor activities! We will be having a nature scavenger hunt in June, fun with bubbles in July, and wrap up in August with having fun with watermelon. A snack and free book will be provided at each event. These events are geared toward 0-5 year olds, but anyone is welcomed. No Reservations are required.

Please contact Monica Powell at 574-274-1949 or mpowell@dsisd.net for more information

CANADA ALPHABET ADVENTURES

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 4, 2025
10:30 AM-11:30 AM**

**MANISTIQUE SENIOR CENTER
101 MAIN ST. MANISTIQUE MI**

COME AND JOIN US FOR A FUN STORYTIME ALL ABOUT CANADA! WE WILL BE READING A CANADIAN ABC BOOK AND ALSO BE MAKING A FUN RIBBON WAND CRAFT. EVERYONE IS WELCOME, COME AND JOIN THE FUN!

MANISTIQUE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

DELTA-SCHOOLCRAFT GREAT START FAMILY COALITION

For more information contact Monica Powell at 574-274-1949 or mpowell@dsisd.net



Summer Reading Program 2025 at Manistique School & Public Library

Kids going into 5th grade and younger are welcome in the library this summer as we celebrate summer reading with **COLOR!**

Wed., June 25th at 1 pm- **Animal Art** -See like a bee, make camo critters and more!
Wed., July 2nd at 1 pm- **Patriotic Fun** -Crafts and activities all about the red, white & blue!
Wed., July 9th at 1 pm- **Cotton Candy Colors** -There is a science that goes into making cotton candy in the colors of the rainbow. Watch it made and taste some, too!
Tues., July 15th at 10 am- **Wimee LIVE! With Kevin Kammeraad, and Crew!**
As seen on PBS, join master puppeteer, Kevin, along with Wimee and friends!
Wed., July 23th at 1 pm- **Old Songs for Young People** -Color Our World with music!
Folk songs with Ben Traverse



Stop in from June 16 to July 25,
pick up a Reading log/Book mark.
Fill it out and return it for a chance
to win fun prizes!
One entry per week per child



Summer Reading programs at public libraries across Michigan encourage children, youth and families to read, and help kids maintain reading skills. Visit your public library to sign up and learn about special summer programs.

- **Gladstone Summer Reading** Runs June 2 to July 30th with a Story Hour Kick-off on June 11. 906-428-4224
- **Escanaba Summer Reading** runs 6/16 to 8/4 with a Puppeteer and music program in July! 906-789-7323

Independence Day

CELEBRATIONS

7/4/25 **Gladstone 4th of July Celebration** 8am Firecracker Run at the Big Pavilion, 11am parade, 12pm food, music, gameslog rolling competition and activities in the park. 12:30pm Music starts at the Band Stand in the Ballfield. Music line-up: 12:30pm Chad Borgen & the Collective, 4pm Tim Hirn & Co, 7pm Big Al and the Tomatas. Fireworks at dusk at the Gladstone Pier.

7/4/25 **Bark River Parade** at 11am (Ray's Feed Mill to the township park). Noon begins food, kids' games, & music, in the park. Fireworks at dusk

7/5/25 **Escanaba Fireworks Celebration** at Ludington Park. 11am Car show, live music, petting zoo, food vendors, K9 Demonstration, Jaws of Life, Escanaba City Band at 8:30 pm. and fireworks at dusk. Rain date and more information City of Escanaba Recreation Department and Marina on Facebook.

7/5/25 **Independence Day Celebration Downtown Manistique** starting at 12:30 (lineup starting at 11:30) Waves of Freedom Parade Fireworks Display at dusk. More information at visitmanistique.com

7/6/25 **Independence Day Celebration Curtis MI** starting at 12:30. Parade forms on Sandtown road at 11:30 with the parade going to Three Lakes Academy. Fireworks are shot from South Manistique Lake Campground at dusk.

SUMMERTIME DAY CAMPS

Summer is just around the corner. It's best to make a plan early. Here are some local summer day camps to check out. (Spots are limited in Delta Co.- register early) Look for more summer fun ideas in our June newsletter.

- 6/9-8/15/25 **YMCA Summer Day Camps** (5-12 year old)
- **YMCA Wells Summer Program** (5-6 year old)
- 6/16-8/8/25 **YMCA Camp Harstad** (6-17 year old) special needs camp

www.nlymca.com, 906-789-0005 Scholarships available

- **We Rock the Spectrum-UP North** 6/9-8/8/25 906-553-7186 (ages 3 and up) Overseen by a psych/behavior coordinator and RN.
- **Summer Day Camp** at Schoolcraft County Fairgrounds (3 ½ to 18 years old) 4seasonsfairfun@centurytel.net, 906-286-9185

Activities geared towards children 5 and under with a caregiver
All ages are welcome

SUMMER GROUP CONNECTIONS with Growing Families Home Visiting

BUBBLES AT THE PARK

Join us for outdoor bubble fun, perfect for young children and their caregivers!
Cool off with popsicles and water—while supplies last.

Friday June 6th
9 - 10:30 am
Besse Park in Escanaba

Come play at Besse Park and enjoy fun bubble activities for little ones!

Thursday June 26th
7 - 8:30 PM
Van Cleve Park in Gladstone
(meet near the toddler area)

Enjoy free live music as part of the Gladstone Summer Music Series and join in the bubble fun!

Bring a chair or blanket

Text or Call Tiffany Olsick with questions at 906-241-9020 - RSVP appreciated



MEET UP and EAT UP

Delta County Locations

-  **Camp Harstad**
E4655 Highway M-35, Ford River
M, T, W, R 12pm-12:30pm
ends 8/7/25
-  **Northern Lights YMCA**
2000 N 30th St, Escanaba
M, T, W, R 12pm-12:30pm
ends 8/7/25
-  **Hannahville Youth Services**
N15100 Eagle Rd., Wilson
M, T, W, R 8:30am-9am, 11am-12pm
(Dates NOT open: 12,13,20,27,30, & 8/14)
July is lunch & snack only. Snack 2-2:15 pm
(Call Youth Services for details) ends
8/22/25
-  **Mid Peninsula School**
5055 Saint Nicholas Rd, Rock
Take-out only, Non-congregate site.
3pm-6pm on Tuesdays for children 18
and under.* Ends 8/12/25



Meet Up and Eat Up, also known as the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is made possible by the Michigan Department of Education. It provides free nutritious meals in the summer to children in Michigan who rely on school food as a source of energy and nutrition.

LOCATIONS

-  **James T. Jones Elementary School**
400 S 10th St, Gladstone
M, T, W, R 8am-8:45am, 11:30am-12:45pm
*Will be serving week of July 4th. Ends
7/31/25
-  **Learning Center**
5219 18th Rd, Escanaba
T, W, R 11:30-12:00pm
ends 7/31/25
-  **Webster Kindergarten Center**
1209 N 19th St, Escanaba
T, W, R 8:45am-9:15am, 11:10am-11:35am
ends 7/31/25
-  **Escanaba Upper Elementary**
1500 Ludington St, Escanaba
T, W, R 8:30am-9am, 11:15am-11:45am
ends 7/31/25
-  **Lemmer Elementary**
700 S 20th St, Escanaba
T, W, R 8:35am-9am, 11:15am-11:45am
ends 7/31/25
-  **Escanaba Junior/Senior High**
500 S Lincoln Rd, Escanaba
T, W, R 8:15am-8:45am, 11:15am-11:45pm
ends 8/7/25

**FREE TO ALL KIDS 18
AND UNDER**

\$5 FOR 18 AND OLDER*

**NO MEALS SERVED THE WEEK
OF JULY 4TH***

For More Information : www.mcgi.state.mi.us/schoolnutrition/

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MICHIGAN STATE
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Free Online Parenting Classes

Early Childhood Online Extension Extra Parenting Hour

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

- 6/3/25: **How Children Develop (Birth-5)**
- 6/10/25: **Essential Skills for Learning and Life**
- 6/17/25: **Introduction to Positive and Adverse Childhood Experiences**
- 6/24/25: **Unlock the Conversation: Safety from Guns for Parents**

Kinship Caregivers

- 6/11/25 **Together We Can: Co-Parenting** 7:00pm-8:30pm
- 6/20/25 **The Birds and the Bees: Talking with Kids About Sex** 11:30am-1:00pm

Class Series

6/1-6/6 Online Parent Talk System Webinar for Kinship Caregivers. The Parent Talk System is a course for caregivers of toddlers to teens to improve communication and provide strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. Offered at no cost. 11:30am-1pm

6/1-6/12 Online Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting Guiding Principles is a FREE online course for parents of toddlers to teens to learn strategies for helping children, parents and families be successful. 7:30pm-9:00pm

6/1-6/18 Online Parent Talk System. The Parent Talk System is a course for caregivers of toddlers to teens to improve communication and provide strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. Offered at no cost. 11:30am-1:00pm

Free Online Self-Paced Classes

These classes can be completed at your own pace.

- **Positive Discipline:** Adults learn how to create appropriate environments and experiences that help young children learn self-control.
- **Infant Safety "Sleeping, Crying, Driving."** A three-part course covering infant safe sleep, how to handle extended infant crying and guidelines for transporting your child safely.
- **MI Parenting Resource**

This program supports caregivers in strengthening their parent-child relationships and enhancing positive child behaviors.



Turn summertime into summer fun and exploring time! Our area has lots to offer. Save this list for when you run out of fun ideas to do. Try a new activity, take a day trip somewhere new, or revisit a favorite place. Make some awesome memories together!

Delta County Recreation and Family Fun

- Escanaba City Recreation Soccer Youth Programs (4/5 year old and 6/7 year old) \$45. Call 906-786-4141 or visit www.escanaba.org for more information.
- Disc Golf in Escanaba at Ludington, Pioneer Trail & Besse Parks, and at Gladstone Sports Park FREE!
- Gladstone City Recreation– Pram Sailing Class, Log rolling courses, Kayak and Yellow Bike Rentals, & Disc Golf. Visit Harbor Master for more information.
- YMCA Summer programs include day camps, special needs camps, swimming lessons, T-ball, soccer & 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.
- Martial Arts Classes at local studios are open all year!
- Don't forget to splash around at the Escanaba & Gladstone Beach!
- Bowl-A-Rama-open bowling and cyber bowling. 2510 1st Ave N, Escanaba. 906-786-6500
- UPUTT Family Fun Center-indoor miniature golf and arcade. 2805 North Lincoln Rd, Escanaba. 906-233-7733
- We Rock the Spectrum-UP North indoor kids gym and playspace 1401 N 26th St Ste 118, Escanaba 906-553-7186
- Pocket Park at the UP State fairgrounds–free catch and release fishing, archery, and pellet gun shooting range for all ages. Open 10am-5pm Wednesday through Sundays in the summer. Tons of programming! Check it out. Call 906-789-0714 for information
- Gladstone Van Cleave Park Kids Kingdom and Escanaba Ludington Park Harbor Hideout FREE! Visit a new park every week!
- Escanaba Bike Path at Ludington Park-FREE! Free Bike rentals at the Escanaba Marina!

Schoolcraft County Recreation and Family Fun

- Summer Day Camp at Schoolcraft County Fairgrounds. Starting June 9th through August 29, 2025. 7am-5pm, Monday through Friday. \$1.00 per hour/per child. Applications can be completed the first day a child attends or you can request an application via 4seasonsfairfun@centurytel.net or call (906)286-9185 for more information.
- 4-H Camp at Clear Lake Education Center. July 9th-11th, 2024. For youth ages 9-13. Registration is being run through 4-H online. Contact Jill Connin for information 906-286-3327
- Ten Pins Bowling Alley 1005 E Lakeshore Dr, Manistique. (906) 286-4411
- Yoo-Par Scoops Miniature Golf Course and Ice cream at 1009 E Lake Shore Dr, Manistique. (906) 286-3564
- Highway 2 Drive-In Theater 5885W US Highway 2, Manistique. (906) 356-3711.
- Indian Lake State Park 8970 W County Road 442, Manistique. Campgrounds, popular swimming beach, picnic areas, trails. (906) 341-2355
- Manistique Boardwalk and Riverwalk extends 1.83 miles from the eastern city limits passing under the US-2 Bridge into the downtown district. The Boardwalk offers a fishing pier, access to the east breakwater light, picnic grounds, and abundant nature and wildlife to enjoy.
- Seul Choix Point Lighthouse lighthouse and museum. Both the building and the grounds are open for visitors from Memorial Day until the middle of October 905 S Seul Choix Pointe Road Gulliver, MI 49840
- Seney National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center is open May 15th-October 20th. 9am-4pm Daily. (906) 586-9851
- Palms Book State Park (Kitch-iti-kipi, the Big Spring) in Manistique. (906) 341-2355.
- Woodstar Beach Campground at 1786 Harbor Rd, Manistique. Playground and Beach area.
- Fayette State Park, camping and iron mining ghost town, Garden (recreation passport needed)

Surrounding Counties Family Fun

- De Young Family Zoo-Wallace, MI 906-788-4093 www.thedeyoungfamilyzoo.com
- Garlyn Zoo-Naubinway, MI (April through August) 906-477-1085 www.garlynzoo.com
- Oswald's Bear Ranch-Newberry, MI Open through Sept. 906-293-3147 www.oswaldsbearranch.com
- Miners Falls Mini Golf 28 M-28, Munising.(906) 387-4653.
- UP Fun with Friends Family fun center at 400 US Hwy 41 Suite 106, Negaunee. (906) 401-0104
- Upper Peninsula Children's Museum 123 W Baraga Ave, Marquette. (906) 226-3911
- Imagination Station Children's Museum 217 W Hughitt St, Iron Mountain, MI 906-263-8268
- Pictured Rocks in Munising. Cruises, Kayak rentals, beaches, and more. (906) 387-3700 or www.nps.gov/piro for more information





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- Parental support
- Quality early learning/Preschool and child care
- Basic needs assistance
- Health care access
- Behavior referrals
- Home Visiting
- Early intervention (Build Up Michigan and Early On Michigan)



Tips with Tosha



Summer has arrived, school is out, and the kiddos will be home all day playing and investigating their world. Sometimes that innocent curiosity can lead to trouble. There are thousands of accidents/injuries every year involving children at home. Here are some reminders and tips to help keep your kids safe!



Opened Windows

There are over 5200 accidents a year related to children falling out of windows.

- When opening windows, make sure there is no furniture near the window.
- Install window guards/stops
- Don't rely on window screens. Screens help keep bugs out, but they don't keep children inside.
- Kids can fall out of windows open as little as five inches
- Keep windows locked when an adult is not nearby.
- Garage Cleaning and Gardening
- approximately 2.4 million people, more than half under age 6, swallow or have contact with a poisonous substance each year.
- Store all cleaning and gardening products in their original containers
- Swap out heavy cleaning products for non-toxic cleaners when able.
- Keep children away from anything poisonous when in the middle of a project.
- Install Child Safety locks.
- Poison Control Center 1 800 222 1222 24 hours a day/7 days a week.
- Never leave any containers open or within reach out kids.

Grilling

Children younger than 10 accounted for 21% of emergency department visits for grilling

- Keep kids away from grills. Establish a safety zone. Make sure the zone is at least 10 feet away from the grill.
- Always have kids wear shoes around the grill.
- Keep sharp utensils out of reach.

Yardwork

Each year many children are severely injured by lawnmowers, according to the AAP.

- The AAP recommends not letting children under 12 use a walk-behind mower and not allowing children under 16 to use a riding lawnmower.
- Never let a child use a lawnmower without boots or closed-toe shoes.
- Use safety goggles/glasses with side protectors when using any sort of lawn mowing equipment.
- Make sure lawnmowers have an automatic shut-off mechanism.
- Pick up any items in the lawn that could be potential safety hazards

Swimming

- Adult should always be present when there is access to water.
- Use proper safety floaties
- Enroll your kids in swim lessons at a young age.
- Talk to them about rules and expectations for being around water.
- Make sure your pool is fenced in. (Fences should be at least four feet high if not higher and have no gaps)
- Install a pool gate alarm
- Keep toys away from the pool unless the pool is actively being used.

Wishing you all a SAFE and very happy summer!

~Tosha Mason is a Public Health Delta & Menominee Counties W.I.C. Employee, Delta-Schoolcraft Great Start Family Coalition member, and mother of five beautiful children.



Banana Cocoa Yogurt Pops

Take a bite out of these creamy frozen yogurt pops! Banana, cocoa, and yogurt are the perfect combo for a frozen treat!



Ingredients

- 1 cup low-fat vanilla yogurt
- 1 medium banana
- 2 teaspoons cocoa powder
- 1 ice cube tray (or paper cups)

Directions

1. Mash banana with a fork.
2. Mix banana and yogurt well.
3. Stir in cocoa powder.
4. Divide into 4 small paper cups (or 8 mini muffin cups) and place in popsicle sticks (or cut paper straws).
5. Freeze.
6. Enjoy as a frozen treat!

Pro tips:

- Create your own yogurt pops and experiment with different flavors like strawberry, blueberry or tropical fruit.