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January 1
January 20
February 17

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The SWPRD Board of Commissioners meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6pm at the South Whidbey Parks & Recreation Center, 5475 Maxwelton Road, Langley, Room 111. Commissioners are:

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RECREATION TRENDS

Do you have ideas or suggestions for new program directions? Is there something you’d like to see us try? Email us your ideas at programs@whidbey.com. We want to hear from you!

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Programs may be canceled in the event of inclement weather or power outages. We encourage you to call our voice messaging system at 360-221-5484 or check our Facebook page before leaving home to determine program status.

STAY INFORMED

Subscribe to our e-newsletter and receive regular updates. Visit www.swparks.org to sign up for the e-newsletter. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROGRAMS

There are several needs-based resources available to enable youth to participate in programs with SWPRD. Call 360-221-6788 for info.

ACCESSIBILITY & ACCOMMODATION

Individuals with or without disabilities may register for all programs offered by South Whidbey Parks & Recreation District provided program safety can be met. The District provides reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities. Contact the SWPRD office three weeks in advance of the program start date to discuss accommodations. Reasonable accommodations will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

DISCLAIMERS

Updates & Errors
This schedule of classes is published for information purposes only. We strive to produce the most accurate brochure possible. However, some program information may have changed after this brochure has gone to print. We will make every effort to notify participants of the changes. Please check your email regularly for updates.

School Disclaimer
Participants in South Whidbey Parks & Recreation District (SWPRD) programs agree to hold harmless the SWPRD, Island County, and South Whidbey School District, and their officials, employees and agents for any and all claims for personal injury and damage in which damage and injury is or appears to be proximately caused by their participation or the participation of the child for whom they are responsible in SWPRD’s recreation programs. Furthermore, they consent that images (photographs, video recordings, etc.) of them or their child engaged in above activities may be used for promotional purposes.

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ADVERTISING

Whidbey Weekly & Printing prints and distributes three activity guides a year. We welcome you to advertise your program or business along with us. For details, email advertise@whidbeyweekly.com.
REFUNDS & CREDITS
1. Full refunds will be given for all classes canceled by SWPRD.
2. Refunds requested and submitted in writing using the Refund Request Form before the registration deadline date (or at least 5 business days before start of program if no registration deadline) will be subject to a 10% service fee, with a minimum service fee of $10.
3. SWPRD account credits requested and submitted in writing using the Refund Request Form before the registration deadline date (or at least 5 business days before start of program if no registration deadline) will be good for one calendar year from issue date, for the full fee paid and will not be subject to service fee.
4. Refunds or credits will not be issued if cancelled after registration deadline or within 5 business days of program start.
5. To request a refund, a Refund Request Form must be submitted to the SWPRD office in writing. Verbal requests will not be honored. Forms are available at the SWPRD office or online at http://swparks.org/recreation/registration/. Please be aware that refund requests may take up to 45 days to process.
6. Refunds will not be issued from an account credit.
7. Refunds will not be issued for programs costing $10 or less (unless canceled by SWPRD).
8. One day classes, trips, or special events are not covered under this policy (no refunds or credits available).
9. Certain contract programs, indicated with this symbol: §, have their own refund policies. Contact the contractor directly to inquire about their specific policy.
10. Exceptions in certain instances may apply. See refund request form.

REGISTRATION INFO
Advance registration is required for all programs unless otherwise stated. It is best if you register at least two weeks in advance of any program start date.
All fees are due at the time of registration.
We cannot “hold” a space for you without full payment and registration.
All programs have a minimum and maximum enrollment. We request that you register early to ensure class minimums are met. We reserve the right to cancel a program if minimums are not met.
There is a $25 service charge on all returned checks and declined credit cards.
Registration forms are available online at www.swparks.org

HOW TO REGISTER
Online
For your convenience, you may register online for many of our programs, with no additional fees. Check out this service at www.swparks.org.

By Mail
Send completed registration form and full payment to: SWPRD, 5475 Maxwelton Road, Langley, WA 98260

By Fax or Email
Fax or email completed registration form with credit card authorization. Fax to 360-221-7323 or scan and email to swparks@whidbey.com. Call the office at 360-221-5484 to confirm receipt.

In Person
Walk in to our SWPRD office at 5475 Maxwelton Road, Langley, during our regular business hours. We take cash, check or credit cards at the office.

HIYI YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND
The Healthy Island Youth Initiative (HIYI) Committee solicits donations to support ongoing efforts to keep organized healthy activities affordable for all local youth in Island County. The HIYI Scholarship Fund addresses these needs by helping cover the cost of registration fees, equipment and/or other expenses so that youth in Island County can participate in organized physical activities, regardless of their family’s economic status. The South Whidbey Parks & Aquatics Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization, is the fiscal agent for HIYI, and receives, holds and distributes funds upon direction from the HIYI committee. Donations to this fund may now be tax deductible. Donations to the scholarship fund should be made payable to South Whidbey Parks & Aquatics Foundation, and should be mailed to PO Box 157, Freeland, WA 98249, with a note on the memo line directing it to the “HIYI Scholarship Fund”. Any Whidbey Island youth may apply for assistance to participate in any organized sport or physical activity. The needs-based scholarships are awarded based on financial criteria and commitment to the activity. Those interested in receiving financial assistance should call Carrie at (360) 221-6788 or visit www.islandcountywa.gov/Health/AHC/Pages/HIYI-Scholarship.aspx
RESERVATIONS

We request all groups planning to use our facilities or fields notify us in advance by submitting a Reservation Request Form, which is available on our website and at our park office. Requests are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, depending on availability. Rental fees may apply. Advance reservations are required for groups of 20+.

For additional information about availability and rates, call 360-221-5484 or visit www.swparks.org.

Sports Fields

We have softball, baseball, soccer, and open fields available. Scheduling information for leagues, tournaments and teams is available by calling the Director at 360-221-6488.

Facilities

You can rent space for parties, meetings, classes, and events at our recreation headquarters or The Crow’s Nest (located on the 2nd floor of the Concession Stand) at Community Park.

Picnic Shelters

Our picnic shelters are available for reservation for your party or event. Picnic shelters can accommodate 45-75 people.
WINTER SOLSTICE
STAR PARTY
ALL AGES WELCOME
Explore the night sky and view distant galaxies, planets and nebulas at this free public Star party hosted by the Island County Astronomical Society. No telescope needed and all ages are welcome. Be sure and dress warmly and we’ll provide cocoa! Note: the event will be cancelled if the weather is cloudy.

Lead: Island County Astronomical Society President Bob Scott, ICAS_President@outlook.com

Location: South Whidbey Sports Complex, 5598 Langley Rd.

Sat | Dec 21 | 6-7:30pm | FREE

POLAR BEAR DIVE
Start the new year off with a splash! Join a fun-loving crowd for a bone chilling dive into 2020. WHY? It’s fun. Seriously! Plus, it benefits local youth programs. A New Year’s tradition since 2004. Swim at your own risk; no lifeguard on duty. Fee includes shirt (while supplies last – register in advance), hot drinks, and festive atmosphere.

Location: Double Bluff Beach, 6325 Double Bluff Rd., Freeland

Wed | Jan 1 | Noon* | $15
* Registration opens at 10:30 am; dive at noon.

DAD & DAUGHTER BALL
ALL AGES WELCOME
Join us for this fun opportunity for dads to take their daughters out for an evening of fun and dancing. This yearly event has become a favorite local tradition, with 300+ coming for a special night out together.

All ages are welcome, though the dance is most frequented by girls ages 3 to 14. We
broaden “dads” to include other adult escorts of the girls’ choice.

Not much of a dancer? No matter; John Travolta’s dancing skills are not required when the D.J. plays “YMCA.” Really, it’s simply an evening to put on your best duds, get goofy on the dance floor, have a nice photo taken together, and visit with other dads and daughters.

Your all-inclusive ticket includes refreshments, a digital photo (available online four weeks after the dance), and a raffle ticket for a chance at door prizes! Purchase tickets in advance at www.swparks.org.

Sat | Mar 7 | 7-8:30pm | Tickets $30* per couple; $15* each add’l daughter

*$35/$20 at the door if space is available.

WHIDBEY ISLAND TRIATHLON

ADULTS & YOUTH 16+

Join us for the 24th annual Whidbey Island Triathlon! Beloved by locals and visitors alike for its scenic course and friendly volunteers, the Whidbey Island Triathlon is a great first triathlon for beginners, and still a fun and challenging event for experienced triathletes.

The scenic course starts with a half mile swim in beautiful Goss Lake on Whidbey Island. Leaving the lake on your bike, you’ll begin the 19 mile ride on tree-lined paved country roads. The bike course is hilly with views of Saratoga Passage and the North Cascades. Finish with a 3.8 mile run through forest trails at Community Park and soccer fields.

Chip timing. Extensive support provided by friendly volunteers. This event has limited space and sells out, so register early! Registration will open by Feb. 1.

Awards: Top male and female overall in the triathlon will receive trophies. Top three in five-year divisions will receive neck medals. Top three males and females in King Salmon division will receive neck medals. First place in relay team divisions of male, female, mixed, under 99 years, over 99 years, over 149 years and over 200 years combined age will receive neck medals.

Registration & Info: www.whidbeytriathlon.com

Saturday, July 25, 2020

INTRO TO PICKLEBALL

BEGINNER PLAYER COURSE

ADULTS, BEGINNERS

Learn as you play and become a Pickler in no time! If you are new to the game or would like to brush up on your skills, this is the course for you! You will learn the basics of pickleball rules, terminology, primary skills, coordination, introduction to the court, and more. Come catch Picklemania! We will have some loaner paddles available. Fee includes two free Friday passes to be used within a month – we want you to keep going!

Instructor: Barry Haworth

Location: South Whidbey Community Center Auxiliary Gym, 723 Camano Avenue, Langley.

Min 4/Max 9

Tue/Thu | Jan 7 & 9 | 12:45-2:15pm | $30

INDOOR PICKLEBALL

ADULTS, ALL LEVELS WELCOME

Join us for one of the fastest growing sports in the nation, Pickleball. This fun and social game is described as a combination of ping-pong, tennis, and badminton. Played on a small court with a low net, it uses whiffle balls and paddles. It is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast paced, competitive game for experienced players. Pickleball is FUN and it’s a great workout. Stay active this winter with us! Beginners should try our Intro to Pickleball clinic and/or try Pickleball out Fridays when we’re less crowded.

Location: South Whidbey Community Center Multipurpose Gym, 723 Camano Avenue, Langley.

Min 12/Max 18

Tue/Thu/Fri | Dec 3–Mar 31 | 10:30am-12:30pm | $45 for a 10-visit punch card* or $6 drop-in

*Punch cards expire after two months.

YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

GRADES 1-8

Youth basketball teams are forming at the time of this publication’s distribution. Contact the Park District right away if you’re interested in joining a team. Space may be available. Practices and games kick off in January. Details at http://swparks.org/event/youth-basketball/.

INDOOR YOUTH TENNIS

GRADES 2-4

Kids will learn and practice the basic strokes of tennis. The focus is developing good technique and having lots of fun – sportsmanship is always taught and modeled. Players of all abilities are welcome. The coach can meet students after school and will walk together to the Gym. Students will have a few minutes to eat a snack if they choose to bring one. Loaner racquets and equipment will be provided.

Instructor: Caryl Ploof began playing tennis at age 10 and played competitively through her teenage and college years. She became a tennis instructor in her twenties, has been a school teacher for 20 years, and loves spending her days learning, exploring, and teaching students. ckploof@gmail.com

Location: South Whidbey Elementary South Campus Gym

Min 6/Max 16

Mon/Fri | Jan 31-Feb 28* | 3:40–4:30pm | $60

*Except Feb 17
PRO BASEBALL SPRING BREAK CLINIC

Warm up for spring baseball!

AGES 8–13

Under the direction of former professional baseball player and Atlanta Braves scout, Steve Goucher, this camp provides quality instruction in throwing, hitting, and fielding and will include game situations and scrimmaging. Camp is for all players, from aspiring to elite. Want more personal instruction? One-on-one baseball lessons after the clinics are also available (see right).

Bring: Baseball glove, snack/lunch, water bottle and a sports drink.

Instructor: Coach Steve Goucher has over 20 years experience instructing baseball at all levels. Many of his students have gone on to play college baseball with a few playing now in the big leagues. goucher15@gmail.com, www.jetbaseball.com

Location: Community Park Field #1

Min 8/Max 20

Mon-Thu | Apr 6-9 | 10am-1pm | $139

PRIVATE BASEBALL LESSONS

One-on-One with Steve Goucher

AGES 8–13

Under the direction of former professional baseball player and Atlanta Braves scout, Steve Goucher (and staff), these lessons provide half hour one-on-one instruction after our Pro Baseball Spring Break Clinic.

Instructor: Steve Goucher has over 20 years experience instructing baseball at all levels. Many of his students have gone on to play college baseball with a few playing now in the big leagues. goucher15@gmail.com, www.jetbaseball.com

Location: Community Park Field #1

Mon-Wed | Apr 6-8 | 1-3pm | $35/half hour

YOUTH ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Ultimate combines the continuous movement and endurance of soccer with the aerial passing skills of football, and the goal of completing a pass to a player in the end zone. Teamwork, spirit and safety are ingrained in the sport and are emphasized here. Ultimate Frisbee is a player defined and controlled non-contact team sport played with a flying disc on a playing surface with end zones in which all actions are governed by the 'Spirit of the Game'. Ultimate is genuinely fun and exciting!

Check the website in Jan/Feb for updates about a season and/or tournament.

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Ages 7-14
Cheer Ages 6-14
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OLD-GROWTH TREE CLIMBING

AGES 7+

Family, kids, friends or visitors now have the chance to learn and experience climbing up giant old-growth trees at Deception Pass State Park, no experience required. This unique activity will offer a powerful new perspective of nature rarely seen and an unforgettable bonding experience. Essential information like physical requirements, cancellations, what to bring, and much more are at swparks.org. Please register two weeks in advance.

Location: Deception Pass State Park
Min 3/Max 20

Sat | Mar 28 | 1-5pm | $119 pp*
Sat | Apr 25 | 1-5pm | $119 pp*

*Discover Pass required if parking.

FAMILY ROCK CLIMBING EXPERIENCE

AGES 7+

Looking for a new hobby, or looking for that next mind-expanding life experience? Learn the basics to outdoor rock climbing, it will open a whole new world! Learn knots, belay techniques, equipment, safety skills, and climbing techniques. No experience necessary. Essential information like physical requirements, cancellations, what to bring, and much more are at swparks.org. Please register two weeks in advance.

Location: Deception Pass State Park
Min 3/Max 20

Sun | Mar 29 | 1-5pm | $94 pp
Sun | Apr 26 | 1-5pm | $94 pp

* $150 extra for assisted elevator. Discover Pass required for parking.

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AGES 8-12 YEARS, BEGINNERS

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Instructor: Professional magician, JR Russell, jr@jrrussellmagic.com
Location: SWPRD Building, Room 111
Wed | Feb 5–Mar 11 | 3-4:30pm | $100*

*Additional $50 materials fee due directly to instructor at first session.

BEGINNING DRAWING W/ ZENTANGLE

Create a piece of art today!

ADULTS & YOUTH 16+ (Younger Ok w/ Participating Parent)

If greater creativity and balance are among your goals for the new year, look no further than Zentangle — a type of meditation achieved through pattern-making, created by artists Maria Thomas and Rick Roberts. Each pattern is built one line at a time, organically combining simple patterns into complex Zentangles in unplanned, unexpected ways that grow, change and unfold on the page as you enter an immersive state of flow.

You will learn the fundamentals of art and basic drawing techniques including line, contour, value, texture, form and shapes. The skills you will learn in this class set a solid foundation for other mediums. Drawing reduces stress, improves brain function, creative thinking and problem-solving skills. Anyone can draw and create a Zentangle!

Supply List: Pens (fine point graphic arts pens .01, .05, .001), pencils (HB, 2B), Strathmore 400 Series 6x6 artist tiles or heavy weight white/off-white paper 60-lb+, erasers, tortillons, ruler.

Instructor: Quinn Fitzpatrick has been teaching drawing for 17 years and graduated from the University of Washington’s Natural Science Illustration program. www.quinnfitzpatrick.com/zentangle, quinn@quinnfitzpatrick.com
Location: SWPRD Room 111
Min 5/Max 15
Sun | Feb 9 | 4-6pm | $65*

*Supplies (special Zentangle pencils, pens, erasers, tortillons and paper) are available for a $15 fee or folks may bring their own. Please notify instructor in advance if you will need supplies.

MACRÂMÉ WALL HANGING

ADULTS

Macramé is making a comeback! Fall in love with the art of macramé and the simple, yet therapeutic process of knotting. This class will teach you some of the basic and most popular macramé knots to get you started. During our 2.5-hour class you will be well on your way to creating your own beautiful macramé wall hanging.

Instructor: Jennifer Thompson is a self-taught crafter and beloved local preschool teacher, Jenn-thompson@comcast.net.
Location: SWPRD Room 111
Min 3/Max 6
Sat | Feb 22 | 2-4:30pm | $50*

*Additional $10 supply fee due directly to the instructor. Material fee includes macramé cording and dowels. Feel free to bring your own piece of driftwood or stick, if you would prefer.
**SPRING BREAK INTRO TO STRINGS**

**SESSIONS FOR AGES 4-10 (Parents are encouraged to participate too!)**

Students can learn some basics on instruments taught by Linda Good, including violin, viola, cello, guitar, piano, recorder, autoharp, and singing. Weather permitting, we’ll have outdoor activities, such as songs for hiking on the trails, and finding fun items related to music. We’ll learn how to avoid nettles and share what we know about nature. On the final day, we’ll share some of what we’ve learned with parents and friends.

**Instructor:** Taught by Linda Good, of Island Strings. Linda has an M.A. in Music (Ethnomusicology) and teaches Suzuki method, llgood@langleywa.com

**Location:** SWPRD, Room 111

*Min 4/Max 12 per age group*

**AGES 4 -5**

Mon-Thu | Apr 6-9 | 9-10am | $60*

**AGES 6-10**

Mon-Thu | Apr 6-9 | 10:15-11:15am | $60*

*Instrument rental is an additional $10 per participant, paid directly to the instructor on the first day.

**BOTANICAL JEWELRY**

**Celebrate Spring!**

**ADULTS**

Create your own miniature piece of wearable botanical art! Design a unique cocktail ring, bracelet, barrette or pin using succulents, bits of plants, flowers and other organic "jewels." Enjoy drinks and nibbles while working on your creation. After your jewelry fades, the bases can be re-used again and again to create unique and beautiful jewelry. Treat yourself or a loved one for a creative afternoon!

Fee includes all supplies. Jewelry base and floral adhesive will be yours to take home.

**Instructor:** Carrie Monforte, Recreation Supervisor and amateur floral aficionado, programs@whidbey.com

**Location:** SWPRD, Room 111

*Min 1/Max 10*

Fri | Apr 10 | 3-4:30pm | $45

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**Instructor:** Georgia Edwards is a nationally Certified K9 Nosework® Instructor. She is a judge and certifying official for the odor recognition tests of the National Association of Canine Scent Work, and judge and search designer for all levels of scent work competition for the American Kennel Club and US Canine Scent Sports. A retired cancer physician, she first became interested in canine scent discrimination 25 years ago when her hospital therapy dog was able to identify patients with metastatic breast cancer. k9nosework@whidbey.net

**Location:** The Doghouse at Community Park, outdoors and offsite field trips.

**Schedule:** Ongoing offerings of six-week sessions for beginning to advanced levels are held Sundays or Wednesdays. Times vary by level. See http://swparks.org/event/dog-nosework/ for detailed schedule.

**Fee:** $150 per dog, plus a small materials fee.

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READING WITH ROVER

**THERAPY DOGS**

**HANDLERS 12+; DOGS 4+ MONTHS**

(Must Provide Evidence of Vaccinations)

Reading with Rover is a therapy dog program which started out as a community-based literacy program volunteering in the schools and libraries of the Puget Sound area. They now offer the comfort of our therapy dogs at local hospitals, assisted living homes, rehabilitation facilities and are very popular college stress relievers! Visit www.readingwithrover.org for more info. Youth must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

**Instructors:** LouAnn Hepp, la@vistadx.net, had a 25 year+ career in the public schools as a teacher, behavior specialist, and trainer. She left her school career to follow her entrepreneur calling, starting a business to help village women and children in SE Asia. She currently co-owns a business focusing on malaria and other tropical diseases. She and her therapy dog, Ruby, have been volunteering in schools since 2015. For the past 15 years, instructor Diana Trupiano has been an active member of Reading with Rover children’s literacy charity, where she currently holds the positions of volunteer, event coordinator, team evaluator, team protocol mentor, therapy team evaluator and therapy prep instructor.

**Location:** M-Bar-C Ranch, 5264 Shore Meadow Rd, Freeland.

**THERAPY TEAM**

**MINI EVALUATIONS**

This evaluation will determine you and your dog’s readiness to enter the Animal Therapy Team Prep Class. Dogs must be on a 6’ leash. No retractable or “flexi” leashes allowed. No aggressive dogs allowed.

**Min 4/Max 10**

**Sat | Mar 28 | 10am-4pm** | Free

*Participants will register for a 20-minute time slot and should arrive 5 minutes prior to their start time.

**ANIMAL THERAPY TEAM PREP**

This class will help prepare you and your dog to successfully take the Reading with Rover therapy test (additional fee).

Once you have passed the test, you will become a registered therapy team. Our teams volunteer in schools, nursing homes, hospitals and hospice (hospital and hospice visits require additional training). Dogs must have basic obedience skills. In the class, we will practice each test exercise using role-play. Teams will receive coaching, as needed, to help pass the test, and to use in future visit situations. No aggressive dogs are allowed in class.

**Bring:** Blanket, treat pouch, treats.

**Min 4/Max 10**

**Thu | Apr 16-30 | 6-9pm** | $150 per dog/handler team

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DOG SPORTS SAMPLER

**HUMANS AGES 16+; DOGS OF ALL AGES**

Dog sports provide mental and physical stimulation for both dogs and their handlers, and build relationships. They create confidence and trust as you mindfully coach your dog from one challenge to the next, enriching both your lives.

Explore parkour, agility, rally, scent games, trick training and barn hunt with safe foundation behaviors. Along with tips, treat recipes and plenty of examples, you’ll receive info about how to continue, whether you intend to compete or just play in the living room on a rainy day. You can even earn your AKC Novice Trick dog title in class!

No previous obedience training required but dogs will work within five feet of each other. By arrangement, this class can be configured to include dogs who don’t do well around others. Must be able to control dog on leash and get its attention with food. Small classes allow plenty of time to play and learn.

**Bring to Class:** Treats, a buckle collar, and a 6’ leash required. A harness and portable crate or mat recommended, to be discussed in class. Must provide evidence of basic vaccinations.

**Instructor:** Victoria Farrington began training dogs with positive reinforcement in 1995 when she became an early adopter, explorer and explainer of clicker training. She has volunteered in shelters, done rescue and foster work, and taught classes. She wrote for and later became editor of The Clicker Journal. Her dogs have earned titles in 11 dog sports and at all stages of life. She is an AKC Approved Evaluator for the STAR puppy program, all levels of the Canine Good Citizen and Tricks titles. howsofdogs@gmail.com

**Location:** The Doghouse at Community Park, outdoors, and nearby locations

**Min 2 / Max 4**

**Sat | Mar 14–Apr 16 | 11:30am-1pm** | $100*

**Tue | Mar 17–Apr 21 | 11:30am-1pm** | $100*

*Fee is per dog. Additional advanced group sessions may be added by arrangement with the instructor with advance registration: 9 hours/$100**.
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**HUMANS 16+; DOGS 6+ MONTHS**

Do you wish your dog were more courteous? Or better behaved in public? Learn how to teach your dog good manners using the power of positive reinforcement and games you’ll both enjoy. We’ll work on polite greetings, loose leash walking, being handled, and meeting strangers, with an emphasis on self-control, patience and cooperation. Prepare your dog to pass the AKC Canine Good Citizen test, learn how to address problem behaviors and teach a few cute tricks along the way. This class is for dogs who are rude or uneducated, not for those who are aggressive or fearful. Dogs will sometimes be working near each other, you must be able to physically control your dog on leash and get its attention with food.

**Bring to Class:** Treats, a buckle collar, and a 6’ leash required. A harness and portable crate or mat are recommended and will be discussed in class. Toys will be used. Must provide evidence of basic vaccinations

**Instructor:** Victoria Farrington, (see bio at left) howsofdogs@gmail.com

**Location:** The Doghouse at Community Park, outdoors, and nearby locations

**Min 2 / Max 4**

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* Fee is per dog. Additional advanced group sessions may be added by arrangement with the instructor with advance registration: 9 hours/$100**.

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**REACTIVE DOG CLINIC**

*Work with your dog to gain confidence in social interactions*

**ADULTS***

Join us for this opportunity to work with others who also own reactive dogs, to gain confidence, calm, and capability. Teach your dog (and yourself) the self-confidence and the skills needed to relax, focus, and enjoy being around others – people, dogs, and other animals.

The first date of each session is a humans-only orientation (must be registered for class).

**Pre-requisites:** Must provide proof of current vaccinations at first class. Participants must be able to keep physical control of their dog. We reserve the right to restrict any dog’s participation for any reason, for the safety of other dogs and participants.

**Bring:** a collar, harness with chest-pull D-ring, treat bag, treats your dog loves, good stout leash (recommend waist belt), and water.

**Instructor:** Mark Helpenstell has been training animals for 50+ years, working with hunting/retrieving dogs, stock dogs, horses, donkeys, goats, and pets. He is an advocate of Positive Reinforcement Training, working with dogs, donkeys, mules, and cats. Mark volunteers at WAIF, and one of his dogs is a WAIF "Ambassadog." Mark is largely self-taught, and has completed multiple Animal Behavior Certification and other courses. Mark got involved in donkey and mule rescue, and has been Click’r Training to rescue/recover frightened, confused and difficult animals. Visit the Facebook page: "Come on, Let’s Train." markhelpenstell@gmail.com

**Orientation location:** SWPRD, Room 111.

**Working sessions location:** South Whidbey Sports Complex at 5598 Langley Road. Please park and meet up at the smaller, southwest part of the parking lot. Other possible nearby field trips.

**Min 5 / Max 9**

| Sun | Mar 1–Apr 5 | 11am-12pm | $100** |

* Teens welcome with a parent/guardian.
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IN THE PARK
Pay: Varies.
South Whidbey Parks & Recreation District is seeking performers for this summer’s Concerts in the Park series in July and August. Interested persons should complete and submit a quote/application by January 15. Applications will be evaluated by quality of performance, professionalism, and cost, weighed with our desire to provide a variety of offerings to the community. Quality promotional materials like photos and links to songs are helpful. Bands will be finalized in April. Contact Carrie at (360)221-6788 or programs@whidbey.com for more information. Bid applications available at swparks.org.

PROGRAM INSTRUCTORS
Pay: Varies; typically a revenue split of 80% instructor/20% SWPRD
Do you have experience teaching art, fitness, archery, or sports? Do you have a great idea, hobby or something new to add to our list of programs? If you have something you’d like to add to the schedule, contact us at (360) 221-6788 for more information. Download a Program Proposal Packet from our website.

SUMMER PROGRAM PROPOSALS DUE: FEB. 15
FALL PROGRAM PROPOSALS DUE: JUNE 15
WINTER PROGRAM PROPOSALS DUE: OCT. 15

BASKETBALL REFEREES
Pay: Minimum wage to $15/hour, DOE.
SWPRD is seeking referees for the Youth Basketball League. Referees are paid for their time working on the court, in addition to the intangible reward of impacting youth lives. The Basketball Referee is responsible for officiating scheduled games and supervising at local gyms. A high level of judgment is necessary. Referees will be “Recreation Assistants” and may be scheduled to work other recreation programs. Applicants must successfully pass a criminal background check. Job is seasonal, part time. Application available on website.

Apply by December 15. Contact Carrie at (360)221-6788 or visit www.swparks.org for info.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Pay: The rewards are endless! But money isn’t one of them.
Each year we count on 150+ volunteers to make our programs a success. Consider volunteering for one of the following.
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- Polar Bear Dive: January 1
- Whidbey Island Triathlon: July 25

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# SCHEDULE OF FUN

## DECEMBER
1. Indoor Pickleball
2. Youth Basketball Skills Assessment
3. Help Wanted: Basketball Referees!
4. Winter Solstice Star Party
5. Christmas - Office Closed

## JANUARY
1. Polar Bear Dive
2. New Year’s Day - Office Closed
3. Indoor Pickleball
4. K9 Nosework®
5. Intro to Pickleball
6. K9 Nosework®
7. Application Deadline for Concerts in the Park Performers
8. Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Office Closed
9. Indoor Youth Tennis
10. Check website for info about Youth Ultimate Frisbee
11. Discover Magic Club
12. Beginning Drawing w/Zentangle
13. Valentine’s Day
14. Summer Program Proposals Due
15. President’s Day - Office Closed
16. Macramé 101

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2. Discover Magic Club
3. Beginning Drawing w/Zentangle
4. Valentine’s Day
5. Summer Program Proposals Due
6. President’s Day - Office Closed
7. Macramé 101

## MARCH
1. Reactive Dog Clinic
2. Indoor Pickleball
3. Dad & Daughter Ball
4. Daylight Savings – Set your clock forward
5. Dog Sports Sampler
6. Canine Good Citizen
7. Dog Sports Sampler
8. Canine Good Citizen
9. Old-Growth Tree Climbing
10. Tree Climbing for Active Seniors
11. Reading with Rover Mini Eval
12. Family Rock Climbing Experience

## APRIL
1. Indoor Pickleball
2. Pro Baseball Spring Break Clinic
3. Intro to Strings
4. Private Baseball Lessons
5. Botanical Jewelry
6. Reading w/Rover Animal Therapy Team Prep
7. Old-Growth Tree Climbing
8. Tree Climbing for Active Seniors
9. Family Rock Climbing Experience

## MAY
1. Screen-Free Week (TBA)

## JUNE
1. Help Wanted: Basketball Referees!
2. Winter Solstice Star Party
3. Christmas - Office Closed

## JULY
1. Whidbey Island Triathlon

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**South Whidbey Children’s Center Holiday Day Camp**

For Children from Kindergarten through 5th Grade

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