



Community Ed Kids Club Is Back For Summer 2026



Members of Kids Club enjoyed bomb pops after an afternoon at the splash pad in McGrath Park.

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The Barnesville Community Education Program has announced that it will once again offer its popular Summer Kids Club program for the summer of 2026. The program is open to children entering kindergarten in the fall of 2026 through students completing sixth grade this spring, providing families with a safe and engaging childcare option throughout the summer months.

Designed to support families while fostering growth and independence in children, Summer Kids Club emphasizes a positive, supervised environment where students can learn new skills, build friendships, and stay active. Program goals include keeping children physically, mentally, emotionally, and socially engaged while helping them develop responsibility and resourcefulness.

Registration for the 2026 program will be open April 1-30. Families may choose between full time care,

offered five days per week, or part time care of four days or fewer. Last summer's rates were \$170 per week for full time care and \$39 per day for part time care; updated 2026 rates will be announced when available.

The program will run Wednesday, May 27 through Thursday, August 20, with daily hours from 7:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Kids Club will be housed in the Barnesville Elementary Cafeteria and will be closed on June 19.

Each day, students will have access to a variety of activities, including games, crafts, and projects set up throughout the cafeteria. The program also makes regular use of community and school resources such as the Barnesville Public Library, school gyms, the walking track, and playgrounds. Walking field trips around town—including visits to the Splash Pad—are a frequent highlight. On especially hot or rainy days, students enjoy movie time in the Performing Arts Center, a perennial favorite.

The program will again be directed by Mary Spillum and Cassie

Blomberg, who oversee staffing, scheduling, and daily operations. They also coordinate transportation for students using the school van, mini bus, or walking groups. Kids Club participants will have access to transportation for various Community Education activities throughout the summer.

Families interested in enrolling can find the online registration link https://schools.mybrightwheel.com/sign-in?redirect_path=forms/2ff4abcc-c32d-45b3-8641-aaf345c09d8f/self-service or go to the school website to find the Handbook www.barnesville.k12.mn.us (barnesville.k12.mn.us in Bing), using the Brightwheel platform.

Parents may also request a registration link by emailing Chris Ellefson at cellefson@barnesville.k12.mn.us. The Summer Kids Club Handbook and registration form will be available under the program's webpage.

For additional questions, families may contact Chris at 218 354 2638 or by email.

Community Ed Shares Full Lineup Of Summer Activities



Speed and Strength is a program that helps older students to continue with their workout regime during the busy summer months.

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The Barnesville Community Education Program is gearing up for another busy and exciting summer, offering a wide range of programs for children from preschool age through high school. The annual Summer Rec schedule includes theater, sports, fitness programs, and craft opportunities designed to keep students active, learning, and engaged throughout the summer months.

Theater Program Returns With One Week Production

Students interested in theater will once again have the chance to participate in the popular one week play. Although the production title has not yet been selected, auditions are scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Students who have completed Kindergarten through 9th grade are eligible to audition.

Rehearsals will take place May 26-28 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and on May 29 from noon to 6:00 p.m. Performances are set for Friday, May 29 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, May



Younger kids were able to test out their culinary skills during one of the cooking classes.

30 at 10:00 a.m. The program offers students a hands on introduction to the process of staging a full production.

Baseball and Softball Opportunities for All Ages

A full slate of baseball and softball programs will be offered again this summer.

For younger players:

- T Ball: Ages 4 by July 1 through Kindergarten completed
- Coach Pitch: Grades 1-2
~ Both programs meet from 9-10 a.m.
- ~ Boys meet at Reed Baseball Field; girls meet at Blue Eagle Softball Field

Girls' softball programs include:

- Ponytail Softball: Grades 3-4
- Fast Pitch Softball: Grades 5-6
~ Practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10-11:30 a.m.
~ Games follow from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. against area towns

Boys' baseball programs include:

- Knothole & PeeWee: Grades 3-4
~ Mondays and Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m. with games afterward
- Little League: Grades 5-6
~ Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00-11:30 a.m. with games afterward

All teams travel to away games by bus, and each participant receives a program t shirt. The season begins the week of June 1 and concludes the week of July 6, with inter town games beginning the week of June 8.

High School Softball and Babe

Ruth Baseball:

High school athletes may participate in 14U and 18U Fast Pitch Softball, with games held on Tuesday evenings and practices scheduled one to two times per week. These teams compete in a regional league and serve as a strong feeder program for the BHS softball program.

Babe Ruth baseball will again offer 13/14 year old and 15/16 year old teams. Games are held in the evenings, and coaches will determine practice schedules. Registration information will be announced soon.

Speed, Strength, and Agility Training

One of the most popular summer offerings for older students is the Speed & Strength program, open to students who have completed grades 7-11. Sessions run four mornings per week, with two time options: 6:00-7:30 or 7:30-9:00 a.m. The program emphasizes proper lifting technique, repetition, and agility training to help athletes improve overall performance.

Students completing sixth grade may enroll in the Quickness and Agility program, a modified version of Speed and Strength tailored to younger athletes.

Additional Camps and Classes

Basketball, volleyball, and football camps will return this summer, along with several craft classes. Final details will be included in the Summer Rec brochure.

Brochure and Registration Information

The Summer Recreation brochure is expected to be released in early April. Families should watch for the brochure to come home with students and look for a Blackboard message announcing its availability.

Community members with ideas for new classes—or those interested in teaching a summer program—are encouraged to contact the Community Education office at 218 354 2638 or email Chris at cellefson@barnesville.k12.mn.us.

All registration will be completed online this year through the school website at www.barnesville.k12.mn.us (barnesville.k12.mn.us in Bing), using the RevTrak link. In office registration will also be accepted for those who prefer to register in person.



Baseball and softball options are available for all ages.



Music classes opened up students to learning more about what inspires them.



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