






# 2019 SPECIAL EVENTS

The Kearney Park and Recreation Department is known for putting on fabulous special events. Below is the 2019 calendar of events. Be sure to “Friend” us on Facebook or “Follow” us on Twitter for special event updates throughout the year – “LIKE” Kearney Park and Recreation or “FOLLOW” @KearneyParknRec.

	<p><b><u>16th Annual Daddy/Daughter Date Night</u></b>            Friday, February 15, from 6:00 to 9:30pm at the Younes Conference Center            Registration Deadline: Wednesday, February 6            \$36 per couple/\$18 for each additional child            Semi-formal attire requested            A night to remember for dads and daughters (1st thru 5th grade). Event includes catered dinner and dancing. Generally, over 600 people attend this popular event!</p>
	<p><b><u>9th Annual Mother/Son Day</u></b>            Date: Friday, February 8, approx. 6:00 to 10:00pm at the Viaero Event Center            Registration Deadline: Monday, February 4            \$36 per couple/\$18 for each additional child            Moms and sons (1st thru 5th grades) get to spend some quality time together during the event. A variety of activities will be scheduled for mother and son to enjoy.</p>
	<p><b><u>Kearney's Amazing Race</u></b> <b><i>FREE EVENT!</i></b>            Sunday, April 7, from 2:00 to 4:30pm at the Harmon Park Activity Center            Event day registration from 1:00 to 1:45pm            A geocaching race through Kearney. Participate as an individual or race as a team. All you need is a Smart Phone. Teams will race in a car and on foot to find the hidden caches. UNK Recreation students will provide activities at various cache locations. An instructional session will be conducted for those that need to learn how to read coordinates. Great prizes for the top 3 finishers. All ages welcome, but one licensed driver needed per team.</p>
	<p><b><u>Cottontail Scramble Easter Egg Hunt</u></b> <b><i>FREE EVENT!</i></b>            Saturday, April 20 at 11:00am at Harmon Park            Ages 2-7            Kids can scramble for plastic eggs and candy in beautiful Harmon Park. Arrive early or stay later to get a picture with Peter Cottontail!            Event partners: Kearney Jaycees, KHS Key Club, and the Kearney Volunteer Fire Department.</p>
	<p><b><u>Storybook Walk</u></b> <b><i>FREE EVENT!</i></b>            Saturday, April 27 from 11:00am to 1:00pm at Harmon Park            All ages            Come and enjoy a fun-filled walk around Harmon Park. Participants will stop at various locations to read sections from an over-sized children's book and engage in fun activities related to the book.</p>



**Bicycle Sunday**

**FREE EVENT!**

Sunday, April 28 from 2:00 to 5:00pm  
All ages

This is a great event to do as a family, with friends, a youth group, co-workers, or even by yourself. Ride your bike along the Kearney trail system, stopping at various activity checkpoints. Go to the <http://www.cityofkearney.org> after April 1 for further instructions and a map. Turn in your checkpoint map at the conclusion of the race and be eligible for a 2019 Family Pool Pass!



**Heritage Day**

**FREE EVENT!**

Saturday, June 1 at Yanney Park  
All ages

The family friendly event of the summer! Activities throughout the day including: Sue Bush Memorial 5K Run/Walk, Family Fishing Day, Giant Inflatables, and Paddle boating/Kayaking. Musical entertainment beginning late in the afternoon and running through the evening at the Cope Amphitheater. Concessions available. The event ends with an amazing Fireworks Finale that you don't want to miss! Free will donations accepted.



**Sue Bush Memorial 5K Run/Walk**

Saturday, June 1 at Yanney Park  
All ages

This kick-off event to Heritage Day has great tradition with generally over 100 participants. The 5 kilometer course is good for beginners as well as advance runners. Medals awarded for first-third place finishers in each age/gender division. Special prizes will be randomly drawn during the awards ceremony. Entry forms will be available in May. Register by May 23 to receive a t-shirt.



**23rd Annual Community Olympic Games**

June 28-30 at various locations in Kearney  
Registration deadline: Wednesday, May 8  
Ages 18 and older

Join CHI Health Good Samaritan and KPR for three days of exercise, community spirit and lots of fun! Form a team of 10-30 people and participate in a variety of events such as: obstacle course, volleyball, softball, pickleball, and more! Earn points for your team by placing and by participating. The team champion will be crowned at the awards barbeque on Sunday night. Cost is \$25 per person which includes a team t-shirt. Entry packets will be available on March 29. "Like" Kearney Community Olympics on Facebook!



**Splash Bash Pool Parties**

Various dates in June, July and August at Harmon and Centennial Swimming Pools  
All ages

An extra fun day at the pool with games, sno-cones, music, and prizes! Inflatables that can fit through the front door can be taken in the pool on Splash Bash days. Dates will be announced in the 2019 Summer Activities Brochure which will be released on Friday, April 5.



**Jr. Recreational Tennis Tournament**

Singles – Thursday, July 18 at Harmon Park Tennis Courts  
Doubles – Friday, July 19 at Harmon Park Tennis Courts  
Registration deadline: Friday, July 12  
Ages 7-14

This tournament is designed for players who rarely or never play in USTA sanctioned tournaments. Players should know how to keep score. The USTA “10 & Under Tennis” format will be used for ages 7-10. USTA Membership is required for this tournament. Medals to first-third place finishers.



**Celebrate Swimming Week**

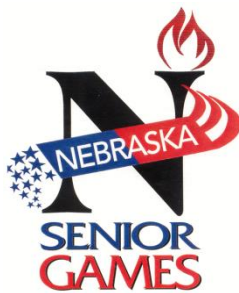
July 15-19 at Harmon and Centennial Swimming Pools  
Normal Pool Admission  
All ages

A fun week is scheduled to celebrate Kearney’s great pools, guests, and staff. A different event will be scheduled each day of the week. Look for more information at the pools this summer and in the Summer Activities Brochure which will be released on Friday, April 5.



**All-Star Softball Festival**

Tuesday, July 23 at Harvey Park  
Come out to watch the Men’s C/D, E/F, and Women’s Slow-pitch Softball League All-Star Games! You can join the action to by participating in the Home Run Contest or Softball Contests for Kids. Concessions will be available.



**31st Annual Nebraska Senior Games**

August 1-4 at various venues in Kearney  
Ages 50+ (as of 12/31/19)  
Kearney is the host city for the Nebraska Senior Games. Events include: bowling, badminton, cycling, tennis, swimming, road racing, 3-on-3 basketball, free throwing shooting, horseshoes, track and field, golf, disc golf, pitch (cards), table tennis, wellness walk, and pickleball. Entry forms will be available by May 15. Go to [www.nebraskaseniorgames.com](http://www.nebraskaseniorgames.com) for more information.  
Event partners: National Senior Games Association and the Kearney Visitor’s Bureau.



**10th Annual Puppy Plunge**

Wednesday, August 14 from 5:30 to 8:30pm at Centennial Pool  
\$8 per dog  
Pre-registration is required at the KPR Office. Current vaccination records required the day of the event. Proceeds to benefit the Kearney Humane Society and the Kearney Dog Park. Come and watch your doggie paddle at the fun event for “man’s best friend”.



**Havoc at Harvey**

Saturday, August 17 at Harvey Park  
Tournament will consist of round robin pool play with advancement to a single elimination tournament. ASA Rules and KPR League Rules apply. Awards to top teams.



**5th Annual Grandparent's Day**

Sunday, September 8 from 1:00-4:00pm  
\$5 per participant  
Grandchildren 4 years – 5<sup>th</sup> grade and their Grandparent(s)  
Spend the day with Grandma and Grandpa! Play fun games, participate in fun activities to learn more about each other, enjoy refreshments and more! Kearney Park and Recreation is partnering with The Archway and the Peterson Senior Activity Center to coordinate this special day.



**Doubles Pickleball Tournament**

Saturday, October 19  
Tournament will be round robin pool play with advancement to a single elimination tournament. Participants can sign up for various divisions and leagues. Awards to top teams.



**Kearney Trail Run**

Sunday, October 6 at 2:00pm  
Cottonmill Park  
Course will be a mixture of paved roads as well as natural and paved trail systems throughout the park. Race will start and finish by The Lodge. Top three finishers in each age and gender division will receive a medal.



**32nd Annual Fall Blitz Adult Volleyball Tournament**

November 23 & 24 at various gyms in Kearney  
Registration Deadline: Friday, November 8  
Ages 16 and older  
A popular tournament for coed and women's teams with proceeds benefitting the Kearney Middle School Volleyball Programs. Entry forms will be available in early October.



**Holiday Light Festival**

December 7-14 at Yanney Park  
Trees will be lit up each night. Hot chocolate, entertainment, a giant snow globe, and more will occur on the following nights: Saturday, December 7, Tuesday, December 10, and Saturday, December 14. FREE Fun for the entire family!



**7th Annual Holly Jolly Jog & Tinsel Two Mile**

December 8, Jog at 2:00pm and Two mile at 3:30pm  
Yanney Park  
Dash like Dasher or prance like Prancer in this one-mile kids run around the lake or a Two Mile Run!  
Decorate cookies at Mrs. Claus' Kitchen after the completion of the race. Awards for the most creative costumes.

