

SPRING & SUMMER 2026

Minnewaska Messenger

DISTRICT 2149



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A Letter From Angie VanZee, Community Education Director



Hello Laker Families and Community Members,

As the days grow longer and we look ahead to the spring and summer months, Minnewaska Area Community Education is excited to offer a wide range of opportunities to connect, engage, and inspire learners of all ages. From early childhood and youth enrichment to recreation, arts, and lifelong learning experiences for adults, our programs are rooted in community connection and responsive to local interests.

The months ahead will include continued support for families through Early Childhood Family Education, engaging youth programs that encourage creativity and movement, and summer offerings that help students stay active and connected outside the traditional school year. We are also proud to partner with local organizations and instructors to bring meaningful, accessible programming to our communities.

Community Education is about more than classes; it's about creating spaces where people can learn, grow, and belong. We invite you to explore the opportunities in this publication and join us in making the most of the months ahead.



Minnewaska Area Schools Directory

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Activities Director, Phil Johnsrud	(320) 239-5103
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Programs, Facilities & Pool	(320) 239-1305
Pool Office	(320) 239-1346
District Business Office (Superintendent)	(320) 239-4820

High School	(320) 239-4800
Middle School	(320) 239-1320
Elementary School	(320) 634-4567
W.I.N. Academy	(320) 239-2257
Food Service	(320) 239-1307
Adult Basic Ed/GED	(320) 762-3312
Palmer Bus Garage	(320) 634-3272
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School Resource Officer, Andrew Pederson	(320) 239-4800 ext. 1213

Community Education Classes



How to Register Online



Go to the Minnewaska Area School website

<https://www.minnewaska.k12.mn.us>



Click on Community Ed



Login or create an Account

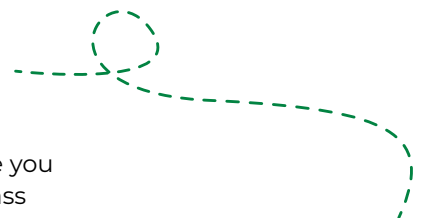


Add the course(s) to your cart and check out

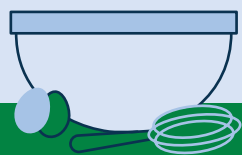
Registration is not complete until payment is made. No refunds will be made after the class begins. A full refund will be made if enrollment is not sufficient to run the class. If you do not have access to a computer (or do not feel comfortable registering online), please call (320) 239-1304. Questions, please contact Angie VanZee (320) 239-1304 or avanzee@isd2149.org.

All registrations taken after the registration deadline will have a \$5 flat charge added to the total fee. Shirts are not guaranteed if registered after the deadline.

Have a Talent You Would Like to Share?



Do you have a special talent or ability that you would like to share with others? Have you considered teaching a Community Education Class? Instructors can design their class and pick their schedule. Instructors are paid! You do not need a teaching license to teach a class. Call the Community Education Office at (320) 239-1304 for more information.



YOUTH ENRICHMENT

Maker Mondays

Start your week with curiosity, creativity, and hands-on fun! **Maker Mondays** is back and better than ever, giving students the chance to tinker, design, build, and explore using a variety of exciting STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) tools. From Beebots and Osmos to 3-D pens and Puzzlets, students will explore new technology and materials while building critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Risk-taking and learning through mistakes are encouraged in this inspiring, interactive environment!

DETAILS

- Dates: Mar. 2, 9, 16, 30
- Time: 2:45–4 p.m.
- Location: MAES Media Center
- Fee: \$50

Pope County Farm Bureau Classes (Grades K–5)

We're excited to partner with the Pope County Farm Bureau to offer a free, hands-on agriculture series for students in grades K–5. Through engaging activities, stories, and simple food science, students will explore where food comes from, how it's grown, and the role agriculture plays in everyday life, from soil and crops to beef and dairy. These interactive sessions are designed to spark curiosity, build understanding, and connect kids to agriculture in fun, meaningful ways.

THE SOIL WE GROW IN

- It will feature some hands-on activities, snacks, and a book reading.
- Date: Tuesday, Mar. 10
- Time: 3:15–4:30 p.m.
- Cost: Free
- Location: MAHS FACS Room #E156
- Instructor: Greg Vold

BEEF BASICS

- Learn all about beef through engaging, hands-on activities led by a passionate youth leader.
- Date: Tuesday, Apr. 21
- Time: 3:15–4:30 p.m.
- Cost: Free
- Location: MAHS FACS Room #E156
- Instructor: 4-H Ag Ed Ambassador Leader

MILK, SUGAR, SCIENCE: ENGINEERING ICE CREAM

- Explore the journey from cow to ice cream, make ice cream in a bag, and discover how food engineers have developed many different processes for making ice cream.
- Date: Tuesday, May 12
- Time: 3:15–4:30 p.m.
- Cost: Free
- Location: MAHS FACS Room #E156
- Instructor: Louise Malecha

Food Art Adventures (Grades 3–6)

Discover how to make art using food as your canvas, tools, and materials! In this creative and hands-on series, youth will explore edible art while developing basic culinary skills. Art becomes delicious as participants mix creativity with food in a fun, engaging environment.

DETAILS

- Dates: Apr. 1–2 and 8–9
- Time: 3:30–4:30 p.m.
- Cost: \$25 per participant
- Location: MAHS FACS Room #E156
- Minimum: 5; Maximum: 10
- Presented in partnership with Pope County 4-H

All About: Wildlife Conservation (6th Grade & Older)

Are you fascinated by wild animals like lions, tigers, and bears? Have you ever considered a future career working with animals in fields such as biology, environmental science, wildlife conservation, or even as a zookeeper? This interactive session introduces youth to the world of wildlife conservation through hands-on learning and exploration. Participants will take part in an engaging scavenger hunt while learning about different animals, their habitats, and the important role conservation plays in protecting wildlife. This is a great opportunity to explore animal-related careers, build knowledge, and connect with the natural world.

DETAILS

- Date: Thursday, Mar. 19
- Time: 3:30–4:30 p.m.
- Cost: \$10
- Location: MAHS Room #168
- Minimum: 5; Maximum: 15
- Presented in partnership with Pope County 4-H

Home Alone Success (All Ages)

This series is designed to help youth feel confident, prepared, and equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to stay safe when home alone. Participants will learn about personal safety, decision-making, emergency preparedness, and responsibility in age-appropriate and engaging ways. Parents are encouraged to attend the final session, but attendance is not required. This class is held annually.

DETAILS

- Date: Apr. 27–30
- Time: 3:30–4:30 p.m.
- Cost: \$30
- Location: MAHS FACS Room #E156
- Minimum: 5; Maximum: 12
- Presented in partnership with Pope County 4-H

Science Games (All Ages)

Play with different science experiments in this exciting, hands-on series! Youth will become scientists as they explore simple experiments, discover solutions, and learn how systems work, all through the art of play. This class encourages curiosity, creativity, and problem-solving in a fun and engaging environment.

DETAILS

- Date: May 4–6
- Time: 3:30–4:30 p.m.
- Cost: \$15 per participant
- Location: MAHS Room #E168
- Minimum: 5; Maximum: 12
- Presented in partnership with Pope County 4-H

Wild Child Earth Camp (Ages 5–12)

Join together with Morning View Acres for Wild Child Earth Camp! We invite you to connect with nature and make new friends while learning valuable skills. This year's focus will be on making bone tools and fiber arts using wool, animal hair, and plant materials. Campers will also help prepare daily meals and cook by fire, explore local lakes and wetlands, help with farm chores while connecting with farm animals, and soak up the simple joys of being together.

DETAILS

- Date: June 15–17
- Time: 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
- Cost: \$100 per child
- Location: Morning View Acres
24648 250th Ave. Glenwood
- Maximum 12 students



In-Person Driver's Education – Classroom Instruction (30 Hours)

Offered through MAS Community Education in partnership with Roadworthy Driver's Education.

For teens ready to begin their journey toward earning a driver's license, the State of Minnesota requires a **minimum of 30 hours of classroom instruction** before taking the written permit exam. While online options are available, we know that online learning isn't the right fit for every student. That's why we're excited to bring an **in-person classroom experience** to Minnewaska, with a knowledgeable Roadworthy instructor leading every session. Students will benefit from real-time conversation, hands-on learning, and a structured environment built for success.

In addition to classroom instruction, Minnesota also requires **6 hours of Behind-the-Wheel training** with a licensed instructor before a student may take their road test. MAS Community Education and Roadworthy Education is pleased to partner with **Central Lakes Driving School (Alexandria, MN)** to provide this required training for **\$350**. This will be paid to Central Lakes Driving School.

This in-person program offers another great option for students who are ready to get started on the path to earning their driver's license, supported, engaged, and learning in a real classroom.

CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION DETAILS

- 30 hours of classroom instruction
- Dates: Mar. 2–6 and Mar. 9–13
- 3:30–6:30 p.m. (Monday–Friday)
- Location: MAHS Room #A115
- Cost: \$156
- Minimum: 10 students; Maximum: 30 students

BEHIND-THE-WHEEL TRAINING DETAILS

- 6 hours of behind-the-wheel (BTW) training with a licensed instructor
- Cost: \$350
- Provided by: Central Lakes Driving School

FAMILY FUN

Guided Fishing, with Rylan Hatlestad

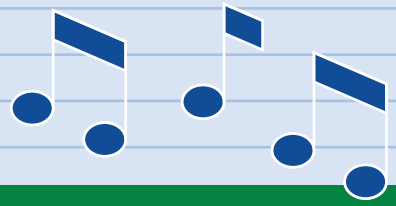
3 hours of open water guided fishing with Local Fishing Guide, Rylan Hatlestad. Experience a fun evening out on the boat, casting lines. The guided experience will cater to your fishing expertise. Bait & Tackle provided, as well as fish cleaning.

Any questions, contact Rylan at (320) 314-2055 or by email at r_hatlestad@hotmail.com.

DETAILS

- Dates and times: Booked individually. Trips will be offered in the evenings from 6–9 p.m. Dates are to be confirmed after booking.
- Location: Alexandria/Glenwood Lakes Area. Lake will be determined at the time of booking.
- Age: Anyone 10+
- Cost: \$150 per participant; a parent may attend for free.
- Instructor: Rylan Hatlestad





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Instant Guitar for Hopelessly Busy People

Have you always wanted to learn the guitar but never found the time? In just one fun and engaging evening, this crash course will have you playing basic chords and strumming along to your favorite songs—no previous experience or private lessons required! Each session includes hands-on instruction, lecture/demonstration, and online resources to keep you learning after the class ends.

Note: Participants must register separately for each date listed.

DETAILS

- Instructor: Craig Coffman
craigcoffman@justonceclasses.com, chordsarekey.com
- Location: Online via Zoom
- Ages: 13+
- Fee: \$55 per session (includes online book, follow-up lessons, professionally recorded class, and unlimited Q&A)

CLASS DATES (CHOOSE ONE OR MORE)

- Tuesday, Mar. 10, 2026, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Apr. 14, 2026, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Apr. 28, 2026, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 9, 2026, 1–3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 2, 2026, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 9, 2026, 6:30–9:30 p.m.

Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People

Learn how to play the piano the way the pros do—using chords! In this one-session crash course, you'll discover how playing piano can be fun, simple, and rewarding without years of traditional lessons. No experience necessary. This course is partly hands-on instruction and partly lecture/demonstration, all delivered online via Zoom. You'll walk away with skills that can give you years of musical enjoyment.

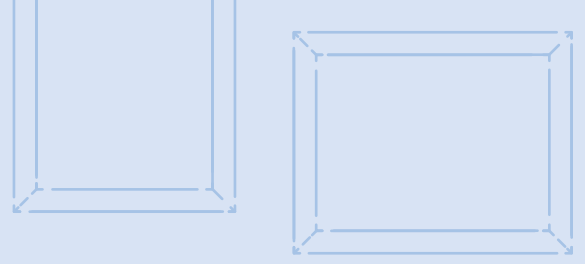
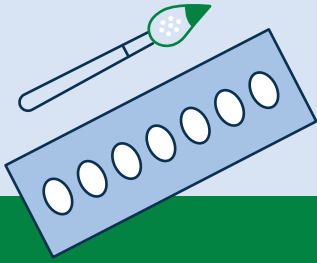
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CLASS DATES (CHOOSE ONE OR MORE)

- Monday, Mar. 9, 2026, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- Monday, Apr. 13, 2026, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- Monday, Apr. 27, 2026, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 9, 2026, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.
- Monday, June 1, 2026, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- Monday, June 8, 2026, 6:30–9:30 p.m.



ART

MAES Art Club Spring Session (Grades K–3)

This creative extracurricular cohort offers young artists additional time to explore and experiment with various skills and media. The young artists' interest and curiosity lead to choice-based studio time. Options may include drawing, painting, clay, printmaking, and assemblage of recycled materials.

DETAILS

- Dates: Tuesdays, Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24
- Time: 2:45–4 p.m.
- Cost: \$50
- Location: Elementary Art Room
- Instructor: Bryan Draxten
- Minimum: 5; Maximum: 20

MAMS Art Club Spring Session (Grades 4–8)

This creative extracurricular cohort provides additional time for young artists to explore and experiment with various skills and media. The young artists' interest and curiosity lead to choice-based studio time. Options may include drawing, painting, clay, printmaking, as well as assemblage of recycled materials.

DETAILS

- Dates: Tuesdays, Apr. 7, 14, 21, 28
- Time: 3–4:15 p.m.
- Cost: \$50
- Location: HS Art Room E168
- Instructor: Bryan Draxten
- Minimum: 5; Maximum: 20



Summer Art Camp–Session 1 (Grades K–8)

Let your imagination and creativity flourish while experimenting with various 2D and 3D studio art mediums! Drawing, screen-printing, painting, clay, and everything in between. Projects will be differentiated and tiered to ensure that everyone is challenged. Family and friends are invited to an Art Show at the end of camp, during which artists will present their achievements and works. (Students attending Summer Rec can bring packed lunches and eat in the art room from 12–1).

DETAILS

- Dates: June 1–4 (Monday–Thursday)
- Time: 1–4 p.m.
- Cost: \$85
- Location: MAHS Art Rooms
- Instructor: Bryan Draxten

Summer Art Camp–Session 2: Morning (Grades K–8)

Let your imagination and creativity flourish while experimenting with various 2D and 3D studio art mediums! Drawing, screen-printing, painting, clay, and everything in between. Projects will be differentiated and tiered to ensure that everyone is challenged. Family and friends are invited to an Art Show at the end of camp, during which artists will present their achievements and works. Snacks will be offered. (Projects will differ from Art Camp Session 1). (Projects will also be differentiated if sent to both Morning & Afternoon of Session 2. If signing up for both sessions, please plan on sending lunch with the artist, as they will eat in the art room and have recess).

DETAILS

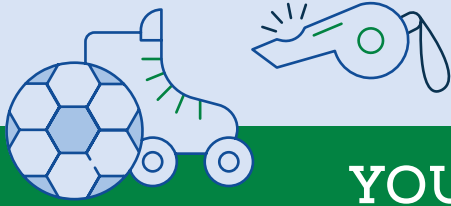
- Date: July 6–9 (Monday–Thursday)
- Time: 9 a.m.–12 p.m.
- Cost: \$85
- Location: MAHS Art Rooms
- Instructor: Bryan Draxten

Summer Art Camp–Session 3: Afternoon (Grades K–8)

Let your imagination and creativity flourish while experimenting with various 2D and 3D studio art mediums! Drawing, screen-printing, painting, clay, and everything in between. Projects will be differentiated and tiered to ensure that everyone is challenged. Family and friends are invited to an Art Show at the end of camp as artists will present their achievements and creations. Snacks will be provided. (Projects will differ from Art Camp Session 1 & 2). (Projects will also be differentiated if sent to both Morning & Afternoon of Session 2. If signing up for both sessions, please plan on sending lunch with the artist as they will eat in the art room and have recess).

DETAILS

- Date: Aug. 10–13 (Monday–Thursday)
- Time: 1–4 p.m.
- Cost: \$85
- Location: MAHS Art Rooms
- Instructor: Bryan Draxten



YOUTH RECREATION

2026 Summer Recreation Program

Save the Date: Registration will open on April 15, 2026

We are looking forward to another fun-filled summer for our area youth. Students will be signing up for a 4-week program, four days a week. Students will rotate through all of the activities weekly.

Register your child for the grade they are in for the 2025–2026 School Year. Register early for the discounted price. Please note that Summer Rec and Summer Laker Legends are separate programs. You must register and pay for each program individually.

Questions regarding Summer Rec: Please contact Linda Mills at lmills@isd2149.org.

Note to Parents: Parents must take responsibility for their children’s behavior during any community school activity. When children disrupt the activity they are involved in, the opportunity to participate may be forfeited.

PROGRAM'S SPORTING & ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

- Arts and crafts, painting, drawing, & projects
- Kids in the kitchen and indoor class games
- Creative design with Legos and Play-dough
- Team building games, small group games, and moving in motion activities
- Playground and rec games such as gaga ball, spikeball, cornhole, and four square
- Swimming fun and games
- Baseball, softball, and branball
- Kickball, ultimate football, and frisbee
- Football and soccer
- Volleyball and basketball
- Tennis and Pickleball
- Fitness fun with parachute, scooters, and gaterskin balls

BUS STOPS

- Minnewaska Elementary
- Villard School
- Starbuck School
- Lowry Community
- Beechers Daycare

DATES

- June 1–4, June 8–12, June 16–18, June 22–25

DETAILS

- Time: 9 a.m.–12 p.m. (Monday–Thursday)
- Cost: \$125.00 if registered before May 23; \$145.00 if registered on or after May 23

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Water bottle with a name on it
- Tennis shoes
- Baseball or softball glove with a name on it
- Swimsuit
- Towel
- Life jacket
- A bag to put stuff in

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Please do not ride your bike to MAHS.
- Are there any health concerns we should be aware of?
- Please put your child’s first and last name on articles they bring to the program. Lost and found items will be turned into the Community Ed Office and held until mid-July.
- Extra schedules will be posted in the hallways by the northwest doors of the school, near the Community Ed Office.
- If you have any questions about registration, contact Angie Blair at (320) 239-1305.

Minnewaska Mallards Soccer

Minnewaska Mallards Soccer is dedicated to developing the skills of local soccer players through developmentally focused training and age-appropriate competitive opportunities. Training sessions will be held twice a week during May and June. Game schedules will be communicated when they are available. Register on the Community Ed website.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Join us on Thursday, Apr. 16, at 6 p.m. in the Minnewaska High School Media Center. We will discuss schedules and answer any questions you may have.

AGE GROUPS

- **8U Co-Ed:** born in 2018 or 2019
- **Boys 10U:** born in 2016 or 2017
- **Girls 10U:** born in 2016 or 2017
- **Boys 12U:** born in 2014 or 2015 (pending registration numbers)
- **Girls 12U:** born in 2014 or 2015 (pending registration numbers)
- **NEW! “Junior High” 7th & 8th Grade** (entering the 26-27 school year)
- **“High School” 9-12** (entering the 26-27 school year)





Minnewaska Baseball Opportunities

REGISTRATION & MORE INFORMATION

For registration and detailed information about any of the leagues, visit our website at minnewaskabaseball.com or scan the QR codes.

MINNEWASKA
BASEBALL



YOUTH
CAMP



SPRING

Grades K–6 (Boys & Girls)

- MBA Sponsored Spring League
- Monday and Thursday Nights
- Apr. 27–May 21
- Online registration is due **Mar. 22**

Grades 7–12

- School Sponsored Team
- Register through the **Activities** page on the **Minnewaska Area Schools** website

SUMMER

Grades 3–8

- Summer League (3rd–6th)
- Travel Tournament Team (9U–14U)
- Babe Ruth Team (7th–8th)
- Summer Camp (1st–6th)

Grades 9–10

- Junior Legion
- #### Grades 11–12
- Legion

Youth Baseball Camp

Minnewaska Youth Baseball is excited to continue the tradition of a youth baseball camp to kick-start the summer! Minnewaska Varsity Assistant Coach Chris Lence offers an opportunity for those in grades 1-6 to grow their talents on the diamond. **The camp offers:** professional coaching and skill development with fun drills and activities.

Register at: <https://waskayouthbaseball.square.site/>

DETAILS

- 50-minute sessions 4 days a week (Monday–Thursday)
- June 1–25
- \$70 for 16-day camp
- Free t-shirt for camp participants (Register by May 18 to guarantee a t-shirt)
- Located at the softball fields behind MAHS
- Students who participate in Summer Rec are able to participate in this camp

Youth Summer Softball Camp

Hosted by the Minnewaska Softball Association

Skills we'll be covering:

- Fielding
- Hitting
- Base Running
- Pitching
- Throwing & Catching
- Hand-Eye Coordination
- Real Game Situations & Strategy

DETAILS

- Who: Girls Grades 1–6 (register for the grade you just completed in 25–26)
- Dates: June 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24 (Mondays & Wednesdays)
- Practice Times (Based on Completed Grade Level):

• 1st/2nd Grade: 9–9:50 a.m.	• 3rd/4th Grade: 10–10:50 a.m.	• 5th/6th Grade: 11–11:50 a.m.
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- Location: Softball Fields behind the High School
- Rain Makeup Dates: Thursday, June 18, Thursday, June 25
- Cost: \$50 per player (Includes T-Shirt!)
 - **Household Max:** \$90
 - 1st Player: \$50
 - 2nd Player: \$40
 - 3rd Player: FREE (Register all players online, then email ablair@isd2149.org to request your household discount refund.)
- Register by May 26 to receive a t-shirt! Be sure to select your size when registering.
- If you have questions, please reach out to:
 - Abby Olsonawski: aolsonawski@isd2149.org
 - Luke Barkeim: lbarkeim@isd2149.org

Youth Wrestling Camp & Family Get-Together

Minnewaska Area Schools Community Education is excited to offer a summer wrestling opportunity for young athletes and those interested in learning the sport. The **Youth Wrestling Camp** will be held **July 20–21 from 6–8 p.m.** in the **Auxiliary Gym**. This camp is open to **Pre-K through 6th-grade** students and is designed for both experienced wrestlers and those new to the sport. Participants will focus on basic skills, technique, and building confidence in a fun, supportive environment. This is a free camp for youth wrestlers, but registration is required.

To wrap up the week, families are invited to a **Wrestling Get-Together** on **July 22**, beginning at **5:30 p.m.** at **Rolling Forks Vineyard**. This informal gathering provides an opportunity for wrestlers, families, and coaches to connect and celebrate the sport together.

CAMP DETAILS

- Dates: July 20–21
- Time: 6–8 p.m.
- Location: Auxiliary Gym
- Ages: Pre-K through 6th Grade
- Cost: Free; registration is required

FAMILY GET-TOGETHER DETAILS

- Date: July 22
- Time: 5:30 p.m.
- Location: Rolling Forks Vineyard

Youth Track & Field

This program is designed to expose young runners/jumpers/throwers to all facets of track and field events in a fun and non-competitive team setting, and prepare them for our final track meet. Participants will benefit from working with experienced varsity/junior high coaches, along with high school varsity mentor athletes. Please bring a water bottle.

EVENTS COVERED

- Relays
- Mile
- Sprints
- Standing Broad Jump
- Softball Throw
- Frisbee Throw
- High Jump (Grades 5–6 only)

CLINIC TIMES & LOCATION

- May 20, 27, June 1, 3, 10, 15
- Time: 6–7:30 p.m.
- Cost: \$60 for each individual. The fee includes a t-shirt.
- Location: MAHS
- Ages: Girls and boys who have **completed** grades 3–6
- Home Track Meet: June 15, 6 p.m., MAHS
- Away Track Meet: Sauk Centre (date TBD)
- Registration Deadline: Wednesday, May 20
- Registration: Please register your student through the MAHS Community Education website. Entries will close after 50 registrations.

Family Tennis Nights

Come out and enjoy a fun evening of tennis with the whole family! Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned player, there's something for everyone. Rackets and smiles encouraged!

- Who: Open to the public—all ages welcome!
- When: Sunday nights in June & July
- Dates: June 7, 14, 21, 28, July 12, 19
- Time: 6–7:30 p.m.
- Location: Minnewaska Tennis Courts
- Cost: Free will donations accepted to support local tennis teams

Summer Tennis for Junior & Senior High Students

Come improve your game and have fun with friends!

- Who: Junior High & Senior High students
- When: Tuesday & Thursday nights
- Dates: June 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30; July 2, 14, 16, 21, 28, 30 (no practice July 4–10 or July 23)
- Time: 6–7:30 p.m.
- Location: Minnewaska Tennis Courts
- Cost: \$30

Summer Elementary Tennis (Ages 6–12)

Learn the fundamentals of tennis in a fun and active environment!

- **Session 1:** June 9–July 2 (Tues/Thur)
June 9, 11, 16, 18, 23 & 25
- **Session 2:** July 13–29 (Mon/Wed)
July 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 & 29
- Time: 5–5:45 p.m. (6–8 yr), 5–6 p.m. (8–10 yr), 6–7 p.m. (10–12 yr)
- Location: Minnewaska Tennis Courts
- Cost: \$50 per session (6–8 yr)
\$75 per session (8–10 & 10–12 yr)
- If you can't make all of the sessions, show up for one for \$15.
- Questions: Please contact Coach Reichmann at: tara.reichmann@gmail.com

Private Lessons

If you're interested in completely private tennis lessons, please contact:

- Tate Reichmann: (320) 424-0039
- Carter LaMont: (320) 424-3702

Summer 2026 MAD Speed & Strength

The weight room portion will consist of full-body training each day, using principles and philosophies of the Tier System and Linear Periodization. We will use 6 foundational movement patterns (Squat, Hinge, Press, Pull, Jump, and Throw) and other auxiliary movements for Mobility and Core work. **All weight-lifting exercises will be age and skill-appropriate and will be modified as needed. We will use paper training cards for each athlete. The training program will be projected on TV screens, but each athlete will be responsible for tracking the weight used for each exercise. "We can't get to our destination if we don't know where we've been."** We will also do Speed, Acceleration, Agility, and Plyometric exercises each week. The purpose of this program is to increase our overall athleticism by enhancing our strength, linear speed, agility, and power.

This program is an effective way to improve your physical health and wellness. It is an effective way to improve your athletic performance. It is a great way for you to build self-esteem and confidence in your abilities. It is a great way to gain an advantage over your competitors. Most importantly, it is a great way to build chemistry and trust with your teammates and coaches and to do your part in making our Minnewaska Athletic Department successful!

Expectations: If you are interested, we expect you to fully commit to this program, not just a few times throughout the summer. We expect you to give 100% effort, both physically and mentally, at every workout. We expect you to listen and follow the instructions from our coaches. We expect you to be ready to work out when the session starts. **DO NOT BE LATE!** We expect you to encourage all other athletes during the workouts, and be HIGH QUALITY HUMAN BEINGS. **We are all in this together! No Negativity!**

DETAILS

- Who: Boys and Girls going into grades 7–12
- 4 sessions per day, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday June 1–July 30 (**Dead week: July 4–10**)
- Session 1: 6:30–8 a.m. (Athletes grades 9–12)
- Session 2: 7:30–8:45 a.m. (Athletes in grades 7–12)
- Session 3: 9–10:30 a.m. (Athletes in grades 9–12)
- Session 4: 10–11:15 a.m. (Athletes in grades 7 & 8)
- Location: MAHS Weight Room and outdoor athletic facilities. Every session will start on the Turf. If inclement weather occurs, sessions will start in the Weight Room.
- Cost: \$100 per student (24 total sessions = \$4.17 per session), family max of \$200. Scholarships will be available to those in need. Just ask.

Youth Pickleball Camp

Join us for a fun-filled camp, learning and playing pickleball! Open to all skill levels, this camp will teach the fundamentals of one of the fastest-growing sports around.

CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

- **Pickleball Basics:** Kids will learn the fundamental skills of pickleball, including the rules of the game, proper serving techniques, returning shots, dinking, and volleys.
- **Active Play:** Expect lots of action with plenty of hitting and practice to build confidence and improve skills.
- **Fun Games & Prizes:** We'll include engaging games to practice what they've learned and give out fun prizes for participation and achievements.
- **Equipment Provided:** Don't have a paddle? No problem! We'll provide paddles for every participant. **If you don't have a paddle and plan to borrow one, please let us know so we can make sure to have enough for each participant!**

DETAILS

- Dates: June 1–4 (Rain Make-up Day: June 5)
- Time: Grades 4–7: 11 a.m.–12 p.m., Grades 8–12: 12–1 p.m.
- Cost: \$30 per participant – Limit to 16 players per session.
- Location: Pickleball Courts, Glenwood City Park, Glenwood, MN
- Instructor: Tracy Beyer, Pickleball Addict & High School Spanish Teacher. **Email tjbeyer@isd2149.org with questions.**

Thanks to **Selkirk Pickleball** for sponsoring this camp and helping to grow the game!



Summer Open Gym Volleyball

FOR VB PLAYERS GOING INTO 7 – 12TH GRADE

- Mondays: June 1–29
- 1–2 p.m.: Positionals
- 2–3 p.m.: Ball Control
- 3–4 p.m.: Team Drills

Summer Volleyball Camp

This camp offers an opportunity to develop your individual and team volleyball skills.

GIRLS ENTERING 9TH – 12TH GRADE (26 – 27 SCHOOL YEAR)

- When: June 15–18
- Time: 1–3 p.m.
- Location: MAHS Main Gym
- Cost: \$100 (Includes a t-shirt)
- Registration deadline: May 20; Late registrants are allowed, but will not receive a camp t-shirt

GIRLS ENTERING 7TH & 8TH GRADE (26 – 27 SCHOOL YEAR)

- When: June 15–18
- Time: 3–4 p.m.
- Location: MAHS Main Gym
- Cost: \$65 (Includes a t-shirt)
- Registration deadline: May 20; Late registrants are allowed, but will not receive a camp t-shirt

GIRLS ENTERING K-3RD GRADE (26 – 27 SCHOOL YEAR)

- When: June 15–18
- Time: 4–5 p.m.
- Location: MAHS Main Gym
- Cost: \$65 (Includes a t-shirt)
- Registration deadline: May 20; Late registrants are allowed, but will not receive a camp t-shirt

GIRLS ENTERING 4TH-6TH GRADE (26 – 27 SCHOOL YEAR)

- When: June 15–18
- Time: 4–5 p.m.
- Location: MAHS Auxiliary Gym
- Cost: \$65 (Includes a t-shirt)
- Registration deadline: May 20; Late registrants are allowed, but will not receive a camp t-shirt



Dance Team Summer Technique Training

Sign up online through MAS Community Education. Questions: Email Coach Tana at tanaziesmer82@gmail.com.

SESSION FOR PREVIOUS JV & VARSITY DANCERS

- Who: All dancers entering 7th–11th grade for the 2026–2027 school year (If you were on JV Jazz or Varsity Jazz last season, this is the correct session to register for.)
- When: June 1–July 29
NO TRAINING ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: June 19 and July 6–10 (Blackout week)
- Mondays: 6–8 p.m. with Coach Tana
- Wednesdays: 6–8 p.m. with Coach Tana & Mikiya (All dancers attend Wednesday training)
- Location: Minnewaska Area Elementary School
*Practices will be at the MAHS Auxiliary Gym the week of June 22–26.
- Cost: \$105 per dancer for 16 sessions

SESSION FOR NEW & B-SQUAD DANCERS

- Who: Dancers entering 7th–11th grade for the 2026–2027 school year (Especially for new team members and B Squad dancers from last season)
- When: June 3–July 30
NO TRAINING ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: June 19 and July 5–July 10 (Blackout week)
- Tuesdays: 6–8 p.m. with Mikiya & Tana (All dancers attend Wednesday training)
- Wednesdays: 6–8 p.m. with Coach Mikiya
- Location: Minnewaska Area Elementary School
*Practices will be at the MAHS Auxiliary Gym the week of June 22–26
- Cost: \$105 per dancer for 16 sessions

Junior Laker Summer Dance Camp

This three-day Junior Laker Dance Camp is designed to help youth dancers build and strengthen their technique and foundational skills in both kick and jazz styles. Dancers will focus on proper form, coordination, flexibility, and confidence through skill-based instruction in a fun, supportive environment. This camp is technique-focused only; there will be no routine or performance. It is an excellent opportunity for dancers to refine skills and grow at their own pace. There will be time for a snack break each day. Participants should bring a snack and a water bottle, along with dance shoes or socks if dance shoes are not available.

DATES

- **Session 1:** June 15, 16, and 17
- **Session 2:** July 13, 14, and 15
- Time: 4:30–7 p.m.

DETAILS

- Grades: K–6
- Cost: \$55
- Location: Auxiliary Gym

Please note: Each session requires separate registration. Participants may register for one session or both.



Minnewaska High School Football Summer Camps

Join the Minnewaska High School Football coaching staff for two **four-day team camps** focused on installing our **offensive and defensive systems** while improving technique through **position-specific drills**. These camps are designed to prepare players for summer competition and the upcoming football season. Both camps provide quality instruction, high-rep practice time, and a strong foundation in our team systems. **Attendance is highly encouraged for all players planning to participate in football this fall.**

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM CAMP (SDSU PREP CAMP)

This camp prepares varsity and JV players for our **team camp at SDSU** and focuses heavily on installing and executing the scheme.

- Who: Students entering grades **10–12**
- Dates: June 8–11
- Time: 2–4:30 p.m.
- Location: Minnewaska Area High School Football Field
- Cost: \$50

SUMMER TEAM CAMP

Camp 2 continues system installation while sharpening fundamentals and preparing all players for the upcoming season. For any questions, contact Head Football Coach Jared Lyle, jlyle@isd2149.org.

High School Session

- Who: Students entering grades **10–12**
- Dates: July 27–30
- Time: 2–4:30 p.m.
- Location: Minnewaska Area High School Football Field
- Cost: \$50

Junior High (JH) Session

- Who: Students entering grades **7–9**
- Dates: July 27–30
- Time: 5:30–7:00 p.m.
- Location: Minnewaska Area High School Football Field
- Cost: \$50

Boys Basketball

BOYS ENTERING GRADES 9–12

The Minnewaska Lakers boys basketball program will host summer basketball practices to enhance individual offensive and defensive skills and to develop team concepts.

- Boys entering grades 9–12 for the 2026–2027 school year
- Dates: Mondays and Wednesdays
June 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, July 1, 13, 15
- Time: 7:30–9 a.m.
- Where: Minnewaska Area High School Main Gym
- Cost: \$50 (Includes T-Shirt)
- Instructor(s): Minnewaska Boys Basketball Coaching Staff
- Registration Deadline: Sunday, May 24

BOYS ENTERING GRADES 7–8

The Minnewaska Lakers boys basketball program will host summer basketball practices to enhance individual offensive and defensive skills and to develop team concepts.

- Boys entering grades 7–8 for the 2026–2027 school year
- Dates: Mondays and Wednesdays
June 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, July 1, 13, 15

- Time: 9–10:15 a.m.
- Cost: \$40 (Includes T-Shirt)
- Instructor(s): Minnewaska Boys Basketball Coaching Staff
- Registration Deadline: Sunday, May 24

BOYS ENTERING GRADES 1–6

The Minnewaska Lakers boys basketball program will be hosting a summer basketball camp (Junior Lakers Basketball Camp) to enhance individual offensive and defensive skills. This camp will feature developmentally appropriate fundamental drills, contests, mini-games, and other engaging competitions to help build confidence and a love for basketball.

- Boys entering grades 1–6 for the 2026–2027 school year
- Dates: June 29–July 2
- Times: Grades 1–3: 12–1:15 p.m.; Grades 4–6: 1:30–3:30 p.m.
- Cost: Grades 1–3: \$35; Grades 4–6: \$40 (includes camp t-shirt)
- Instructor(s): Minnewaska Boys Basketball Coaching Staff and Players
- Registration Deadline: Sunday, June 14, 2026, to guarantee a camp T-Shirt

Girls Basketball

FOR ALL GIRLS ENTERING GRADES 9–12

Join the Minnewaska Girls Basketball coaches and players this summer for a series of high-energy, skill-building sessions! These workouts are designed to teach and develop fundamental offensive and defensive skills while providing a fun, educational environment for athletes to grow their game. Whether you're preparing for the upcoming season or looking to sharpen your fundamentals, these sessions are a great way to elevate your game! Questions: Contact Nick Danielson at nickdanielson21@gmail.com.

- Dates: Tuesdays & Thursdays
June 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, July 2, 14, 16
- Time: 7:30–9 a.m.
- Location: Minnewaska Main Gym
- Cost: \$50 (includes a T-shirt!)
- Registration Deadline: May 24

Laker Girls Basketball: Skills & Drills

FOR ALL GIRLS ENTERING GRADES 6–8

Join the Minnewaska Girls Basketball Coaches this summer for a series of fun, fast-paced skill sessions! These workouts are designed to help players build fundamental offensive and defensive skills while fostering a love for the game in a positive environment. Whether you're just getting started or looking to level up your game, this is a great opportunity to grow your skills and have a blast! Questions: Contact Nick Danielson at nickdanielson21@gmail.com.

- Tuesdays & Thursdays
June 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, July 2, 14, 16
- Time: 9–10 a.m.
- Location: Minnewaska Main Gym
- Cost: \$40 (includes a T-shirt!)
- Registration Deadline: Friday, May 30

Laker Girls Basketball Youth Camp

Join the Minnewaska Girls Basketball staff and players for a fun-filled camp focused on teaching and developing fundamental offensive and defensive basketball skills. This is a great opportunity for young athletes to build confidence, learn the game, and have a blast! Questions: Contact Nick Danielson at nickdanielson21@gmail.com. Don't miss this chance to learn, grow, and have fun on the court!

FOR ALL GIRLS ENTERING 1ST & 2ND GRADE

- Dates: July 13, 14 & 15
- Time: 11 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
- Location: Glenwood Elementary
- Cost: \$35 (includes a camp t-shirt!)
- Registration Deadline: July 1

FOR ALL GIRLS ENTERING 3RD–5TH GRADE

- Dates: July 13th, 14th, & 15th
- Time: 12:30–1:45 p.m.
- Location: Glenwood Elementary
- Cost: \$40 (includes a camp t-shirt!)
- Registration Deadline: July 1



ADULT ENRICHMENT

Barn Quilt Painting Workshop

Create a 12" x 12" barn quilt to add a bold, handmade touch to your home décor. In this guided workshop, Danielle Lien Designs will walk participants step-by-step through the painting process. Choose from a wide variety of colors and leave with a completed piece—no prior painting experience required.

DETAILS

- Date: Thursday, Mar. 26
- Time: 6–8 p.m.
- Cost: \$35
- Location: MAHS Room #E168
- Instructor: Danielle Lien Designs

Morning View Sourdough Class

Gather together to learn new ways to reduce costs in your home and provide simplicity for yourself and your family. We will work through making sourdough bread and sample different flavors along the way. You will leave the class with a baked loaf to take home, a prepared dough, a sourdough starter, and a full belly.

CLASS DATES (CHOOSE ONE OR MORE)

- Mar. 28, Apr. 11, May 2

DETAILS

- Time: 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- Who: All ages welcome, 5 participants per session, a minimum of 4
- Cost: \$60 per person
- Location: Morning View Acres, 24648 250th Ave. Glenwood

Morning View Soap Making Class

In this class, participants will learn how to make their own homemade body/hand soap and render fat, an essential ingredient for soap making. Each guest will make 4–5 bars of their own soap and part ways with the confidence to recreate the process at home.

DETAILS

- Date: Apr. 9
- Time: 4:45–7 p.m.
- Who: All ages and families welcome, class is limited to 5 participants per session, 3 minimum
- Cost: \$60
- Location: Morning View Acres, 24648 250th Ave. Glenwood

Spring Bouquet Painting

Unwind and enjoy a creative evening while painting a beautiful spring bouquet of flowers. Danielle Lien Designs will guide participants step-by-step through the process, making this class approachable and enjoyable for all skill levels. Leave with a finished piece ready to brighten your spring décor.

DETAILS

- Date: Thursday, Apr. 23
- Time: 6–8 p.m.
- Cost: \$35
- Location: MAHS Room #E168
- Instructor: Danielle Lien Designs



Flower Bar Workshop with Uptown Florist

Minnewaska Community Education is partnering with Uptown Florist to offer a Flower Bar Workshop on Saturday, May 2. Participants are invited to stop in anytime between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. to create their own custom floral arrangement.

With guidance from a professional florist, participants will choose from a variety of fresh flowers and greenery to design a personalized bouquet to take home. This is a relaxed, come-and-go style event, so participants may spend as much time as they'd like creating their arrangement. All supplies are included. Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged.

DETAILS

- Date: Saturday, May 2
- Time: 10 a.m.–12 p.m. (come and go)
- Location: MAHS Industrial Arts Room
- Cost: \$55 per person
- Maximum: 30 participants

Women's Strength & Conditioning Class

Are you ready to sculpt your body, boost your confidence, and embrace your inner strength? Join our Women's Strength Training Class and embark on a transformative fitness journey like never before!

What to Expect:

- **Expert Guidance:** We will guide you with personalized workouts, ensuring you reach your fitness goals effectively and safely, whatever they may be.
- **Progressive Workouts:** Say goodbye to monotony! Our classes offer a variety of exercises, from resistance training to functional movements, keeping you engaged and excited about every session.

DETAILS

- Sundays, Mondays & Wednesdays; 7–8:05 p.m. (times are flexible on Sunday)
- Spring session: Mar. 8–Apr. 15
- Summer session: June 1–July 27
- Participants may register for one or both sessions
- **Separate registration is required for each session**
- Cost: \$125 for the full 8-week session
- **What's Included:** 30 minutes of Strength Training, 25 minute of High-Intensity Interval Training (HIIT), 10 minutes of Core/Abs
- Location: MAHS Weight Room

Open Gym Pickleball

Whether you are new to the sport or have been playing for years, we welcome you to join open gym pickleball on Sundays and Wednesdays! Paddles and balls are available for use. Please join the Facebook page Glenwood Pickleball for updates.

The use of black soled or street shoes is not permitted on gym floors. They may leave black marks on the floor and create a maintenance problem for us. Please bring gym shoes to wear when you play on the gym floor.

Community Education-Recreation reserves the right to cancel open gym pickleball, dependent upon the school district's needs for usage.

DETAILS

- Sundays: 12:30–3 p.m.
- Wednesday Nights: 7–9 p.m.
- Who: Any age; children 12 and under must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Cost: \$30/punch card (10 sessions) OR \$3 per time. Punch cards are available for purchase at the Community Ed & Activities Office.
- Location: WIN Academy in Starbuck

Adult Pickleball Camp

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CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

- **Pickleball Basics:** Learn the fundamental skills of pickleball, including the rules of the game, proper serving techniques, returning shots, dinking, and volleys.
- **Active Play:** Expect lots of action with plenty of hitting and practice to build confidence and improve skills.
- **Fun Games & Prizes:** We'll include engaging games to practice what they've learned and give out fun prizes for participation and achievements.
- **Equipment Provided:** Don't have a paddle? No problem! We'll provide paddles for every participant. **If you don't have a paddle and plan to borrow one, please let us know so we can make sure to have enough for each participant!**

- If some players have some experience I will adjust their drills/game play to strategies and drills I will adapt to players ability
- **If you have any questions feel free to reach out to tjbeyer@isd2149.org**

DETAILS

- Dates: June 1–4 (Rain Make-up Day: June 5)
- Time: 6–7 p.m.
- Who: Adult Level (all levels)
- Cost: \$30 per participant–Limit to 16 players per session
- Location: Pickleball Courts, Glenwood City Park, Glenwood, MN
- Instructor: Tracy Beyer, Pickleball Addict & High School Spanish Teacher

Thanks to **Selkirk Pickleball** for sponsoring this camp and helping to grow the game!



55+ Driver Discount Program

Qualify for a 10% discount on your auto insurance by completing the **55+ Driver Improvement Program!** This four-hour in-person refresher course is designed for drivers age 55 and older who have previously completed an eight-hour defensive driving course approved by the state of Minnesota. Minnewaska Area Community Education will offer an **in-person** class at the Minnewaska Area High School Media Center **if at least 10 people are enrolled.**

Upon completion, participants will receive a certificate eligible for a 10% auto insurance discount.

CLASS DATES

- Mar. 25, Apr. 22, May 27 | 3–7 p.m.
- June 24, July 22 | 12–4 p.m.

DETAILS

- Cost: \$27
- Location: MAHS Media Center
- Instructor: Minnesota Highway Safety and Research Center
- Registration: Call (320) 239-1305



Regional Online Career Collaborative

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online classes for adult
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- Preparation for the MN Driver's Written Exam
- Paraprofessional Exam Preparation
- Nursing Program Entrance Exam Preparation
- Language skills for Healthcare
- and more!



**For More Information and to Register
Contact Alexandria ABE at 320-762-3312**



MAS Community Ed at Central Square

Register for these classes through Minnewaska Area Schools Community Education. Registration is required for all classes, even free ones, to help us plan and ensure the best experience for everyone.

Open Art Studio & Wellness Activity

A relaxed, open studio experience where participants are welcome to work independently on their own projects or engage in an optional guided wellness art activity designed to encourage reflection, creativity, and calm. All materials are provided, and no experience is needed.

CLASS DATES (CHOOSE ONE OR MORE)

- Mar. 5, Apr. 2, May 7

DETAILS

- 6–8 p.m.
- Location: Central Square, Suite 209
- Cost: Free
- Instructor: Jes Baggett
- Class maximum: 12

Children's Pottery Workshop

A two-part pottery workshop introducing young artists to basic hand-building techniques while creating functional and decorative ceramic pieces. Participants will learn foundational skills across both sessions in a supportive, creative environment. Projects will be fired in the kiln at a later date and made available for pick-up.

DETAILS

- Mar. 16 and Apr. 6, 4–6 p.m.
- Location: Central Square, Suite 207
- Cost: \$50 (includes both dates)
- Instructor: Shauna Loxtercamp
- Ages: 8–12
- Class maximum: 12

Open Pottery Studio

An open studio session for participants with basic pottery experience to practice hand-building, glazing, or refining personal projects. Instructor support is available as needed, with time and space to work at your own pace. Clay and tools are provided. Projects will be fired in the kiln at a later date and made available for pick-up.

CLASS DATES (CHOOSE ONE OR MORE)

- Mar. 19, Apr. 16, May 21

DETAILS

- 6–8 p.m.
- Location: Central Square, Suite 207
- Cost: Free
- Instructor: Shauna Loxtercamp
- Class maximum: 12

Mother's Day Paint-a-Mug Class

A family-friendly ceramic painting class where participants decorate a ceramic mug to celebrate Mother's Day. A perfect opportunity to create a meaningful, handmade gift together. All materials are provided. Projects will be fired in the kiln at a later date and made available for pick-up.

DETAILS

- Apr. 9, 4–5 p.m.
- Location: Central Square, Suite 207
- Cost: \$25
- Open to all ages. Youth under 8 must have an adult present.
- Instructor: Shauna Loxtercamp
- Class maximum: 12

Beginner Hand-Building Pottery Class

A two-session hand-building pottery class designed for beginners and returning makers alike. Participants will learn foundational techniques and create finished ceramic pieces with guided instruction. Projects will be fired in the kiln at a later date and made available for pick-up.

DETAILS

- May 14 and June 4, 6–8 p.m.
- Location: Central Square, Suite 207
- Cost: \$50 (includes both sessions)
- Open to all ages. Youth under 8 must have an adult present.
- Instructor: Shauna Loxtercamp
- Class maximum: 12

Storybook Theatre – A Midsummer Night's Dream

A professional touring theatre company brings this youth-focused production of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream to Central Square. Participants will explore acting, movement, and collaboration while working with experienced teaching artists in a supportive, creative environment, culminating in a final performance.

DATES

- Monday, June 8 | 1–5 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 9 | Group 1: 1–3 p.m., Group 2: 3–5 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 10 | 1–5 p.m.

- Thursday, June 11 | 1–5 p.m.
- Performance 1: Friday, June 12 | Call Time: 3:45 p.m. Showtime: 7 p.m.
- Performance 2: Saturday, June 13 | Call Time: 1:45 p.m. Showtime: 3 p.m.

DETAILS

- Location: Central Square Auditorium
- Cost: \$125 (Limited Need-based Scholarships Available. Contact Central Square for details)
- Instructor: Storybook Theatre
- Ages: 1st–12th Grade
- Class maximum: 50

Free Adult Basic Education Classes

Locations in Alexandria, Melrose, Morris, Sauk Centre

GED, Adult Basic Education – Free Classes Offered

Adult basic education and GED preparation classes are free for adults and open to anyone age 17 and older who is not presently enrolled in a regular secondary or day program.

Through Adult Basic Education, participants may take a free online GED or ACCUPLACER test preparation class at their convenience. Classes are ongoing.

Both of these online classes provide access via the internet 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

To learn more about these classes, contact Alexandria Area Basic Education at (320) 762-3312 ext. 1.





NEW YORK BROADWAY TRIP: JUNE 14–18, 2027

Save the Date
Registration Opens on May 1, 2026

Day 1

- Fly to NYC
- Central Park
- Times Square

Day 2

- Statue of Liberty
- Ellis Island
- Financial District
- Broadway Show

Day 3

- 9/11 Museum
- Observation Deck
- Broadway Show

Day 4

- Free Day
- Final Broadway Show

Day 5

- Goodbye NYC

Cost

- \$2,400 (2 people in a room with KING bed)
- \$2,450 (2 or 3 people in a room with 2 beds)
- Cost Includes: Airfare, NYC airport shuttle to/from hotel, 4 nights lodging in Times Square, tickets to attractions listed above, tickets to 3 Broadway shows, and experienced tour guide
- Cost does not include transportation to/from MSP airport

Fine Print

- \$500 deposit per person due Dec. 1, 2026 (cash or check only).*
- *20 paid participants is the min. number of participants needed. Deposit will be refunded if minimum is not met. Group does not exceed 28 participants.
- Balance due Feb. 1, 2027 (Balance due depends on room type and number of people in room (see above).
- The 3 Broadway shows will be chosen based on availability.



Have questions about the trip?

Tour Leader: Jeff Iverson (MAHS Choir Director)

Trip Questions: jjiverson@isd2149.org

Registration Questions: avanzee@isd2149.org

OTHER TRIPS & ACTIVITIES

Twins Game

Play Ball! Join Us for a Hassle-Free MN Twins Adventure!

Cheer on the Minnesota Twins as they take on the Milwaukee Brewers — and leave the planning to us! This all-inclusive trip makes game day easy and fun.

What's included - your game ticket, coach bus transportation, and door-to-door drop-off & pick-up at the ballpark.

DETAILS

- Date: Sunday, May 17, 2026
- Cost: \$85 per person
- Depart from District Doors at 9:30 a.m.
- Return at approximately 6 p.m.
- Section: 317; Row: 3; Seats: 1-14
- Section: 317; Row: 4; Seats: 1-14
- Section: 317; Row: 5; Seats: 1-12
- Section: 317; Row: 6; Seats: 1-10
- **Minimum of 30 participants needed**

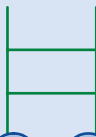
Wacky Water Wednesdays

Join Minnewaska Community Education for a splashing good time this summer! On Wednesdays, participants will travel to the Benson Swimming Pool for an afternoon of swimming and summer fun. Students will enjoy lunch at the park before heading to the pool when it opens. Transportation and pool admission are included. Space is limited, register early! This trip is weather-dependent. If a session is canceled, families will be notified in advance and issued a full refund.

DETAILS

- Dates: Wednesdays, July 15, 22, 29
- Time: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Grades: Completed 1st – 12th Grade
- Location: Benson Swimming Pool (departure and return from Minnewaska Area High School district doors)
- Fee: \$20 per participant, per session
- Transportation: Included
- Lunch: Please pack a sack lunch
- Pick-Up: 4 p.m.





MINNEWASKA POOL

Open Swim

Make a splash this spring and early summer! Our pool will be open on select dates throughout **March through June** for open swim. It's a great way to stay active, unwind, and enjoy time with family and friends as the seasons change.

Whether you're looking for a fun weekend activity, a way to keep kids moving, or just a refreshing swim, open swim is a great option for all ages.

MARCH

- **Mar. 8, 15**
3:30–5:30 p.m.

APRIL

- **Apr. 12, 19, 26**
3:30–5:30 p.m.

MAY

- **May 3, 17**
3:30–5:30 p.m.

JUNE

- **June 14, 28**
3:30–5:30 p.m.

JULY

- **No open swim dates**

Lifeguard Training & Recertification (Coming Summer 2026)

Minnewaska Area Schools Community Education plans to offer Lifeguard Training and Recertification this summer for individuals interested in becoming certified or renewing their current credentials. This course covers essential skills in water safety, CPR/AED, first aid, and emergency response. This opportunity is ideal for teens and adults seeking summer employment, leadership experience, or continued certification. Watch for full details and registration information later this spring.

Punch Cards Are Available!

You can purchase a 10-punch pass for just \$25, or pay \$3 per individual swim. Pay at the pool upon arrival.

Looking for a Unique Party Spot? Rent the Pool!

Did you know the Minnewaska Pool is available to rent for birthday parties and family events? Whether you're planning a celebration, family gathering, or just want to have fun in the water, the pool is a great option for all ages!

Availability is limited, and lifeguard coverage is required, so be sure to plan ahead. **Visit our facility rental page for more details and to submit your request.**

FACILITY RENTAL REQUEST



Junior Lakers Summer Swim Club

For all boys and girls entering grades 3–7

The Jr. Lakers Summer Swim Club is designed for boys and girls entering grades 3-7 who have completed Level 3 swimming lessons or have coach approval. This 5-week program will focus on developing competitive swim strokes, proper starts and turns, and building overall confidence and strength in the water. Swimmers entering 7th grade can choose 2x/week or swim with the HS swim program 4x/week. More details will follow in the Spring. Contact Linda Hoffmann at Minnewaskalakerswim@gmail.com.

DETAILS

- Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 16–July 16
No practice July 2
- Time: 8–8:50 a.m.
- Location: Minnewaska Pool, **Enter Door 1**
- Cost: \$50 includes t-shirt; late registrations are not guaranteed a t-shirt
- Max Participants: 40 swimmers
- What to Bring: Goggles, one-piece swimsuit (for girls), swim shorts (for boys), hair tied in a ponytail, and a towel
- Deadline to Register: June 12



Summer Swim Training

For all boys and girls entering grades 7-12

Join the Minnewaska High School Swim coaches this summer for structured, high-energy swim training sessions designed to build endurance, strength, and technique. These workouts will focus on stroke development, conditioning, starts and turns, and overall swim efficiency in a positive and motivating environment for athletes at all levels. Whether you're preparing for the upcoming season or looking to improve your skills in the water, this summer training program is a great way to stay active, build confidence, and elevate your performance.

DETAILS

- Dates: Monday–Thursday, June 15–July 22
No sessions will be held July 4–11 (blackout week).
- Time: 7:30–9 a.m.
- Location: Minnewaska Pool
- Cost: \$75 (includes a T-shirt!)

Swimming Lessons

LEVELS & SKILL PROGRESSION

Minnewaska Area Schools Community Education swim lessons are progressive, with each level building on skills learned previously. Swimmers must demonstrate the required skills to advance to the next level. All swimmers will be assessed on the first day of lessons to ensure they are placed in the level that best meets their needs. Swimmers may be moved to a different level if appropriate.

Group Swimming Lessons

- Group lessons with 7 classes
- Cost: \$68
- Apr. 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, (Tuesdays/Thursdays)
- Pre-K, Level 1 & 2 = 30 minutes; Level 3-6 = 40 minutes
- Must have 4 to hold the class.
- The makeup session is on Apr. 28.
- Classes will be between 3:30–8 p.m.

TIMES

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| • Level 4: 3:30–4:10 | • Pre-K 4/5: 5:30–6 (tot dock) |
| • Level 3: 3:30–4:10 | • Level 1: 5:30–6 |
| • Level 2: 4:15–4:45 | • Pre-K 4/5: 6:05–6:35 (tot dock) |
| • Level 1: 4:15–4:45 | • Level 2: 6:05–6:35 |
| • Level 2: 4:50–5:20 | • Level 3: 6:40–7:20 |
| • Level 3: 4:50–5:30 | • Level 4: 6:40–7:20 |
| | • Level 5/6: 7:20–8 |

Additional Notes for Families

- It is not typical for swimmers to complete an entire level in one session of lessons.
- Many swimmers require multiple lesson sessions to master the skills needed to advance.
- Classes may be combined or canceled due to low enrollment.
- MAS Community Education reserves the right to adjust schedules or cancel classes if necessary.

Semi-Private Swimming Lessons

- 4 sessions
- Cost: \$48
- Session 2: Tuesdays, Apr. 28 and May 5, 12, 19
- Pre-K, Level 1 & 2 = 30 minutes; Level 3-6 = 40 minutes
- Only 4 max in a class.

TIMES

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| • Level 3: 3:30–4:10 | Level 2: 5:30–6 |
| • Level 4: 3:30–4:10 | • Pre-K 4/5: 5:30–6 |
| • Level 1: 4:15–4:45 | • Pre-K 4/5: 6:05–6:35 |
| • Level 2: 4:15–4:45 | • Level 4: 6:05–6:45 |
| • Level 1: 4:55–5:25 | • Level 3: 6:50–7:30 |
| • Level 3: 4:50–5:30 | • Level 5/6: 6:50–7:30 |



Music Department Performances

All performances are in the Minnewaska Area High School Auditorium

Spring Concerts

Band Concert (9–12)

- March 9 at 7 p.m.

Pop's Concert

- Apr. 18 at 7 p.m.

Band Concert (5–6)

- Apr. 28 at 7 p.m.

Band Concert (7–8)

- May 4 at 7 p.m.

1st Grade Concert

- May 5 at 6 p.m.

2nd Grade Concert

- May 5 at 7 p.m.

3rd Grade Concert

- May 7 at 6 p.m.

4th Grade Concert

- May 7 at 7 p.m.

Choir Concert (7–8)

- May 11 at 7 p.m.

5th Grade Concert

- May 12 at 6 p.m.

6th Grade Concert

- May 12 at 7 p.m.

Choir Concert (9–12)

- May 17 at 2 p.m.

Band Concert (9–12)

- May 18 at 7 p.m.



ECFE & Little Lakers Preschool

Sue Currens, Early Childhood Coordinator



Welcome to 2026!

Minnewaska Area Schools is proud to offer high-quality early childhood programs for children from birth through kindergarten entrance. Through our Early Childhood Family Education Program (ECFE) we have enjoyed a wonderful start to the year. There has been a great turnout at our Drop-In & Play dates and our Holiday Family Party. Thank you to all the families who joined us! As we look ahead, we are excited to continue growing and expanding our programs and hope to welcome even more families into our early childhood community.

This spring brings many exciting opportunities, including new ECFE classes such as Here We Come, Kindergarten!, along with special events like our End-of-the-Year Picnic at the Park. We encourage families to take a look at our upcoming spring offerings and join in the fun.

Little Lakers Preschool currently serves 90 students in our three- and four-year-old half-day and full-day programs. We extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our Harry's Pizza fundraiser in November—your generosity directly supports and strengthens our preschool programming.

Spring is a busy and exciting time at preschool. Our four-year-old students will participate in a field trip, and families are invited to join us for our spring program later in the season. Spring conferences will be held on April 14 and April 16, with additional details to be shared as the dates approach.

Thank you for being a part of our early childhood programs. We look forward to a wonderful spring together!

Do you have a 3 or 4 year old?

Has Your Child Completed an Early Childhood Screening? Early Childhood Developmental Screenings are a quick and helpful way to learn more about how your child is growing and developing.

- Provides insight into your child's strengths
- Offers tools to support learning and development
- Helps identify any concerns early

Screenings are recommended between the ages of 3 and 4 and are required for kindergarten entry in Minnesota.

- Screening is FREE!
- Appointments are available monthly, year-round

Questions?

Sue Currens, Early Childhood Coordinator
(320) 239-1406, scurrens@isd2149.org



**SCHEDULE
SCREENING**

Registration for Fall 2026 Preschool is now open, and we would love to welcome your child!

Next year, we will continue to offer half day and full day programming. We will also be offering a multi-aged 3–4-year-old class designed for older three-year-olds or younger four-year-olds. If you are unsure which class is the best fit for your child, please don't hesitate to give us a call—we are happy to help you sort through the options.

See next page for additional details.

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Little Lakers Preschool Information & Registration



At Little Lakers Preschool, we provide high-quality, developmentally appropriate programming for children of all abilities. All classes receive a free breakfast, and full-day classes also receive a free lunch. Children enrolled in full-day programming may choose to use our before- and after-school care, which requires separate registration and an additional fee.

All four-year-olds may also use regular bus transportation at the beginning and/or end of the day (bus transportation is not available at 11:30 or to 3-year-olds).

All classes are taught by licensed teachers, with a teaching assistant in each class, and additional support is provided for students with special needs as needed. Little Lakers Preschool is a 4-star-rated Parent Aware Program.

Three-Year-Olds

2 Day – Morning

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8–11:30 a.m.
The cost is \$130 per month or \$1,170 per year

This class is designed for children who are **3 years old by Sept. 1**. As your child's first school experience, the program focuses on social-emotional development, learning school routines, following directions, working and playing with others, and building motor skills. Lessons are taught using developmentally appropriate, play-based learning aligned with the MN Early Indicators of Progress (ECIPs).

Multi-Age Class

3 Day – Morning

Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 8–11:30 a.m.
The cost is \$200 per month or \$1,800 per year

This class is designed for older 3's and 4 year olds. We ask that the child is **3 yrs 6 mos by Sept 1**. This class is a stepping stone between the 3's class and the year before kindergarten for children who may have three years of preschool. A continuation of the three's program with an introduction to pre-literacy and pre-math skills aligned to the MN Early Indicators of Progress (ECIP's) is provided through play-based and hands-on learning activities.

Four-Year-Olds

5 Day – Full Day

Monday–Friday. 8 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
The cost is \$600 per month or \$5,400 per year

3 Day – Full Day (FULL Wait List Only)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
The cost is \$350 per month or \$3,150 per year

The Four-Year-Old Program continues to build social skills and reinforce school routines while expanding learning through a curriculum that includes pre-literacy and pre-math skills, as well as a social-emotional component. These classes are best for those who will be attending kindergarten the following year. We ask that the child is **4 yrs by Sept 1**. Programming is aligned with the MN Early Indicators of Progress (ECIPs) and vertically aligned with kindergarten standards. Children learn through hands-on, play-based activities and through some large- and small-group instruction.

Tuition Information

Minnewaska Schools offers a variety of scholarships for families who are unable to pay preschool tuition. We receive grants from the United Way, Lakes and Prairies, The Laker Foundation, Minnesota Pathway II scholarships, and, if granted by the state, possibly Voluntary Pre-K funds. There are different requirements for each program, and the district works to align the scholarships with the best candidates. Therefore, it is important that you submit your request early and provide the required documentation so we can award this assistance. Scholarships will be awarded by mid-July.

- You will be required to pay a \$40 non-refundable registration fee per child, per class, at the time of registration.
- There will be a \$15 fee to make class changes after Aug. 15
- Monthly payments are due on the 15th of each month from September to May. Fees are to be paid online. A current card must be on file for monthly payments
- A late fee of \$10 will be charged if the monthly payment is more than five (5) days late.



How to apply for tuition assistance?

Additional documentation will be required:

- If you are requesting based on participation in another program, we will need documentation showing you qualify for the program. Such as: SNAP, Minnesota Family Investment Program, Child Care Assistance Program, Free and Reduced Lunch Program, Situations such as homelessness, a deployed parent, an incarcerated parent, teen parent, English as a second language and foster care may also qualify a child for a scholarship.
- If you are requesting based on your income, please submit page 1 and 2 of your 2025 Federal Income tax form to the Early childhood office, either by uploading through the google form, or emailing to scurrens@isd2149.org by May 15.
- If you do not meet income guidelines but are experiencing hardship, please contact the Early Childhood Coordinator to discuss options.
- Complete this application if you did complete it as part of the registration process.

	2 people in household	3 people in household	4 people in household	5 people in household	6 people in household	Additional people in household
Gross Annual Income 2025	<\$46,000	<\$57,000	<\$67,500	<\$78,500	<\$89,000	Additional \$2000 per person



TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

Please direct any questions about Little Lakers Preschool and the registration process to:
Sue Currens, Early Childhood Coordinator at scurrens@isd2149.org or 320-239-1406



My Preschool Checklist

February–May

- [Register online](#) in Eyelo starting Feb. 2
- [Sign up for Early Childhood Screening](#) if not yet completed
- Complete the [tuition assistance request form](#)

May–August

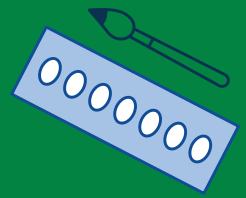
- Student supply list is posted on the school website
- Additional financial information may be needed for scholarships.
- Ensure your correct mailing address and email address is in the registration system for summer communication
- Scholarships awarded in July
- Parents are responsible to set up transportation for their child by Aug. 15
 - Palmer Bus Services (ages 4 and up): (320) 634-3272
 - Rainbow Rider: (800) 450-7770
- The teacher assignment letter and more information are mailed in mid-August
- Any class changes after Aug. 15 will require a \$15 processing fee (with the exception of withdrawal)

September

- Ensure your form of payment in the registration system is current and that all contact information is updated (address, phone numbers, email addresses)
- Individual Meet and Greets will take place with the teacher and each family, Aug. 31–Sept. 1
- Preschool will start classes on Sept. 2 or 3



EARLY CHILDHOOD & FAMILY EDUCATION



Grandparents Are Special

Join us for a heartwarming one-time ECFE event celebrating the special bond between grandparents and their grandchildren! Designed for children ages 3–5 and their grandparents (or a special grand-friend), this class will include fun activities, stories, songs, and time to play and connect. Come make memories together and celebrate the love only grandparents can give! (Due to space limitations, we ask that only one adult attend with each child)

DETAILS

- Date: Monday, Mar. 16
- Time: 5–6 p.m.
- Location: MAES Room 111
- Fee: \$10
- Registration closes: Mar. 11
- Instructor: Sue Currens, Child Educator

Dad and Me: Gone Fishin’

For ages 3–5 with Dad or a special male caregiver

Grab your tackle box and join us for a one-time fishing-themed adventure! Dads and preschoolers will enjoy fishy fun through stories, songs, crafts, and hands-on activities that celebrate the joys of fishing—no water or worms required! This special ECFE class is a great way to make memories, laugh together, and connect with other families. Let’s reel in some fun!

DETAILS

- Age: 3–5 years (not in Kindergarten)
- Date: Tuesday, Mar. 24
- Time: 5:30–6:30 p.m.
- Location: MAES Room 111
- Fee: \$10
- Class limit: 12
- Registration closes: Mar. 17
- Instructor: Sue Currens, Child Educator

Kindergarten Here We Come!

For Children Entering Kindergarten in Fall 2026

This engaging parent/child class is designed to help families prepare for the exciting transition to kindergarten. Come to school each week with your child to learn about all things kindergarten! Each session will focus on a different school-related topic such as: visiting the lunchroom, a bus ride and discussion about expectations, a visit with a kindergarten teacher and the school nurse, touring different areas of the building and playground safety. Children will enjoy hands-on activities that build school readiness, while parents participate in discussions, gain insights, and receive helpful tips to support their child’s journey into kindergarten. Join us as we explore, learn, and grow—together.

DETAILS

- Who: Children entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2026 and a parent
- Must register for all: total of 4 sessions
- Dates: Apr. 13, 20, 27, May 4
- Time: 5–6:30 p.m.
- Fee: \$20/4 sessions
- Class limit: 20
- Registration closes: Apr. 8
- Sibling care is available for an additional fee (\$10/4 sessions)

ECFE End-of-Year Picnic

For families with children ages birth to 5

Celebrate the end of a fantastic year with an outdoor picnic full of fun and laughter! Enjoy games, bubbles, and time to play and connect with other families. **Bring your own lunch**, and we’ll provide the watermelon for a sweet summer treat! Pack a blanket, your favorite outdoor toys, and come ready to make some sunny memories together.

DETAILS

- Age: All families with children ages 0–5 are welcome!
- Date: Tuesday, May 26
- Time: 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
- Location: Lakeshore City Park (Starbuck Park)
- Free! No registration necessary



DETAILS

- Saturday, May 16
- Time: 10 a.m.–12 p.m.
- Location: MAHS Parking Lot
- Open gym for children ages 0–7
- Refreshments will be sold
- Sponsored by Minnewaska Area Schools Early Childhood Family Education Program

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My Grown Up and Me: Sports Edition

For ages 3–5 (not in Kindergarten) & Adult

This fun, low-pressure class invites toddlers and their caregivers to move, play, and explore a variety of sports together! Families may come when they can and leave when they need to, making it perfect for busy schedules and young attention spans. Each session will introduce age-appropriate activities that build basic motor skills, coordination, and a love of movement through play. Activities are designed to be developmentally appropriate, non-competitive, and focused on fun, participation, and connection. An adult must be present and actively involved with their child at all times.

DETAILS

- Ages: 3–5 yrs (not in Kindergarten) + Adult
- Dates: Tuesdays in June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
- Time: 5:30–6:15 pm
- Fee: Free
- Where: Starbuck Gym

How Do I Register?

1. www.minnewaska.k12.mn.us
2. Click Community Education Tab
3. Click Early Childhood Programs
4. Click View Details to choose the class you prefer
5. Select a class and register!

If you have any questions regarding the online registration process, contact the Community Education office at 320-239-1305.

Minnewaska ECFE and Little Lakers Preschool

Located in the south wing of the Minnewaska Area Elementary School located at 409 4th Street SE, Glenwood MN 56334



ECFE REGISTRATION

All ECFE classes will have a designated registration closing date to allow staff adequate time to prepare materials, finalize plans, and ensure a high-quality experience for participating families.



Lakes Area Enrichment Center Child Care (Little Lakers Child Care)

Sarah Traphagen, Coordinator



Exciting Center Update

We're thrilled to share that Lakes Area Enrichment Center is growing! Our enrollment has increased to **48 children**, and we've expanded our team to make sure every child receives high-quality care and attention. We're licensed to serve up to **72 children (birth through kindergarten)** — thank you for trusting us with your little ones.

What's New

- We reopened the former school-age classroom as a dedicated **gross motor room**. This bright, active space gives children a safe place to climb, jump, and play when the weather keeps us indoors.
- We are now running 4 classrooms to better meet developmental needs and routines.
- We're proud to announce our Parent Aware rating has moved from **2 stars to 3 stars**, and we're actively working toward a **4-star rating in July**.

Our Classrooms

- **Infants:** 6 weeks to 16 months— *currently 1 opening*. If you're expecting an infant, please contact us for details and to reserve a spot.
- **Toddlers:** 16 months to 24 months
- **Young Preschool:** 24 months to 36 months
- **Preschool:** For children who are 36 months to kindergarten

Want to enroll or learn more?

Call or visit us to schedule a tour, ask about openings, or learn how to join our waitlist. We're excited to continue growing with our community and providing a warm, stimulating environment for every child.

Thank you for being part of the Lakes Area Enrichment Center!

Hours

- Monday–Friday
- 6 a.m.–6 p.m.

Now Enrolling: Infants Through Preschool-Aged Children

Rates

Infants (6 weeks–16 months)

- Full Time: \$235/week

Toddlers (16–33 months)

- Full Time: \$210/week
- Part Time (3 Days): \$130/week

Young Preschool (24–36 months)

- Full Time: \$200/week
- Part Time (3 Days): \$120/week

Preschool (36 months to Kindergarten)

- Full Time: \$190/week
- Part Time (3 Days): \$115/week

Drop-In Care

- \$50/day

Questions? Contact Sarah Traphagen at 320-239-5213 or straphagen@isd2149.org.



Before School, After School, and Non-School Day Child Care

Audrey Frey, School-Age Child Care Director



We offer a Before School Program (BSP), an After School Program (ASP), and Non-School day child care (NSD) for Minnewaska students attending all-day preschool through 6th grade.

These programs are offered at Minnewaska Area Elementary School. The cost is \$5.50 per day for the morning program and \$8 per day for the afternoon program. Morning care runs from 6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m., while afternoon care runs from 2:45 p.m. to 6 p.m. This includes a snack and activities. These programs offer a fun environment, professional staff, structured and unstructured play time, gym time, outdoor play, creative learning, and social and emotional growth.

Non-school-day child care for students attending all-day preschool through 6th grade is also available at Minnewaska Elementary School, if staff and enrollment allow. Non-school day care will run from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The cost for a full day is \$30/day. This includes snacks and activities; however, students must bring their own lunch. The registration cut-off will be two weeks before the non-school day(s), and this will determine whether child care will be available that day. **Non-school-day child care may be canceled due to a staff shortage or low enrollment.** A two-week notice will be given either way.

All School-Age Child Care registration is completed online. Registration can be found under the Community Ed tab on the Minnewaska Area Schools website. Attendance can be full-time, part-time, or drop-in; however, students must register at least 24 hours in advance.

For more information on the Before School Program, After School Program, or Non-School Day Child Care, please email Audrey Frey, School-Age Child Care Director, at afrey@isd2149.org.

Hours & Cost

Morning Program

- 6:30–8 a.m.
- \$5.50 per day

Afternoon Program

- 2:45–6 p.m.
- \$8 per day

Non-School Day Care

- 7:30 a.m.–6 p.m.
- \$30 per day

Non-School Dates Child Care May Be Offered

- Mar. 20, 23
- Apr. 3, 6





Laker Legends Summer Child Care

CARE REGISTRATION WILL OPEN ON MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026.

We will be offering full-time (5 days a week) or part-time (3 days a week).

Ages: Minnewaska students: Pre-K (must be 4 years old by 1/1/26 and completely potty-trained) through 5th grade of the upcoming 2026–2027 school year.

Where: Minnewaska Elementary School. Meals: AM & PM snacks; lunch will be provided.

Billing/Rates: This program will require a \$60 non-refundable deposit to hold their spot. We are also requiring everyone to pay \$35 for sunscreen for their child for the whole summer. The program rate is \$155 per week for full time OR \$105 per week for part time. No other options are available. These options will be billed every two weeks (1st and 15th of each month).

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Kindergarten Registration

OPEN NOW

For Kids Turning 5 by Sept. 1, 2026

Questions?

Contact Kylie Murken at kmurken@isd2149.org
or (320) 634-4567 ext. 2202



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Purchase a Paver to Honor a Veteran

Minnewaska Area District #2149 named Veterans Field in honor of all Veterans who have served and especially those who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

In addition to Veterans Field, it is the Minnewaska Area Schools' honor to dedicate a section of our plaza, located between the baseball field and football field, to honor individuals who have served.

You can purchase an engraved, personalized paver to be displayed in the plaza. Each engraved paver is 7 3/8 x 3 3/8 and can be purchased for \$35. Placement of pavers within the plaza is random, and installation may not happen right away.

If you would like to purchase a paver, please fill out the form and send it to our office via email or mail. To access the form, visit our website, Community Education tab > scroll to the bottom of the page, in the blue box named "Resources," click on "Veteran Paver Order Form."

Please email the completed form to avanzee@isd2149.org or mail it to the school.

**SCAN TO
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Home-School Students Required to File Report

If you are homeschooling, you must file a Non-Public Education Compulsory Report with the District Office at Minnewaska Area Schools. If you did not receive a packet in the mail, please call the District Office at (320) 239-1304.

The Minnewaska Laker Foundation

Investing in Opportunity

The Minnewaska Laker Foundation exists to enhance opportunities for every student in Minnewaska Area Schools. Established in 2007 as a nonprofit organization, the Foundation supports students by investing in programs and experiences that help them grow academically, creatively, and personally—both inside and outside the classroom.

Strengthening Learning Beyond the Classroom

What began as a way to support activities has grown into a comprehensive mission that benefits academics, fine arts, music, athletics, and co-curricular programs. Foundation support helps fund scholarships, equipment, facilities, and special projects that extend beyond what the regular school budget can provide.

These investments allow students to explore interests, develop talents, and participate in meaningful experiences that contribute to both personal growth and school pride, while strengthening the connection between our schools, alumni, and the broader Minnewaska community.

The Impact of Community Support

With State and Federal funding often limited or uncertain, community support plays a critical role in sustaining high-quality educational and extracurricular opportunities. Approximately 75% of Minnewaska students in grades 7–12 participate in at least one school-sponsored activity. Research continues to show that students involved in activities demonstrate stronger academic performance, improved attendance, and essential life skills such as leadership, teamwork, and confidence.

When you support the Laker Foundation, you are investing not only in student success, but also in the long-term vitality of our schools and community.

Upcoming Foundation Events

The Minnewaska Laker Foundation is proud to host annual fundraising events that bring our community together in support of students and programs. Watch for more details on these events in the coming months.

Endowment Fund & Lasting Recognition

A cornerstone of the Foundation's work is its Endowment Fund, designed to provide long-term, sustainable support. Funds are invested with the principal preserved, and only the earnings are used to support programs and facilities—ensuring today's gifts continue to benefit future generations of Lakers.

Naming opportunities are also available for gifts of \$5,000 or more, offering donors a meaningful way to recognize businesses, families, educators, coaches, or community members through named spaces within Minnewaska schools.

How to Support the Laker Foundation

The Minnewaska Laker Foundation welcomes alumni, families, community members, and local businesses to partner in this important work. Contributions may be made as one-time gifts, recurring donations, or through participation in the Endowment Program.

Donations can be made online or by completing a Donation Form. Unless otherwise specified, online contributions are directed to the Endowment Fund to maximize long-term impact.

Together, we can continue creating opportunities that help every Laker student learn, grow, and succeed now and for generations to come.



DONATE

Laker Classic Golf Tournament – Monday, July 13

A longstanding summer tradition that supports academic and co-curricular opportunities for Minnewaska students.

Taste on the Lake – Wednesday, August 19

Traditionally held in May, Taste on the Lake returns this year with a new August date, offering another opportunity for the community to gather, celebrate, and support Minnewaska Area Schools.



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Minnewaska Area Schools Angel Account

Helping Laker Students in Times of Need

The **Angel Account** was created in **2020** when Minnewaska Area Schools partnered with Verizon to build a cell tower behind the main campus. Through this agreement, the district receives **~\$5,000 annually** in lease revenue and Eagle Bank has generously provided from their Laker Debit Card towards the Angel Account—we are very thankful!

Exciting Update: A second tower is currently being built behind **Starbuck School**, which will provide an **additional \$5,000 annually for the next 25 years**.

Purpose of the Angel Account

Funds are used to support **students in need** by covering essential costs such as:

- Food and meals
- Personal hygiene items
- Activity fees or participation costs
- Clothing or necessities after emergencies (ex: house fire, loss of home)

Any **MAS staff member** or **family of a MAS student** may apply for support through the Angel Account.

How to Donate

Community members and charitable groups are encouraged to support this fund to help Laker students.

- **Make checks payable to:** MAS–Angel Account
- **Mail to:**
Minnewaska Area Schools
25122 State Hwy 28
Glenwood, MN 56334



Angel Account

Point of Contact: Superintendent, any Principal, Counselor or Social worker



Glenwood Public Library Events

Call (320) 634-3375 to register. Follow Glenwood Public Library on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates and program information!



Story Time at the Library

Thursday morning story time takes place each week when school is in session. Come enjoy books, crafts, games, and more at this fun, free program! The last day will be May 21st.

DETAILS

- Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
- Audience: 3–5 year olds

Intro to Needle Felting

Join Suzanne Fairchild of Fairchild Farm and Mercantile and learn how to make an adorable needle-felted sheep! All materials are provided. This program is for ages 13 and up. Registration is required by calling the library at (320) 634-3375.

DETAILS

- Saturday, April 18 at 10:30 a.m.
- Audience: Teens and adults

Plant Swap

Are you looking to give away seeds, cuttings, bare-rooted or potted plants? Hoping to add something new to your garden? Join us in the parking lot at the Glenwood Public Library for a plant swap! This event will be held indoors if raining.

DETAILS

- Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m. to Noon
- Audience: All ages

Summer Reading Program

Summer Reading Program will take place in June & July! A schedule of programs and events will be announced in May.

2026 GLENWOOD WELCOME CENTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Monday, February 16:** Glenwood Day at Andes Tower Hills, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
 - **Thursday, March 12:** Pope County Farmers Market Review of 2025 and Plan for 2026, Glenwood Welcome Center, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 - **Saturday, April 4:** Community Easter Egg Hunt at Barsness Park, 11:00 a.m.
 - **Saturday, April 11:** Pope County Community Expo, Minnewaska Area High School, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
 - **Thursday, May 21:** Community Awards Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Minnewaska House
 - **Tuesday, June 2-August 25:** Pope County Farmers Market, Glenwood, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
 - **Saturday, June 6:** 29th Annual Kids Day, Glenwood City Park
8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
 - **Saturday, June 6-October 31:** Pope County Farmers Market, Glenwood,
8:30-11:30 a.m.
 - **Sunday, June 7:** Sensory Walk and Roll Event, MAHS Track, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
 - **Thursday, June 11:** Music in the Park, Glenwood City Park, 7:00- 8:30 p.m.
 - **Thursday, June 11:** 7th Annual Newcomers Get-Together, Glenwood City Park, 5:30-6:45 p.m.
 - **Thursday June 25:** Music in the Park, Glenwood City Park, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
 - **Thursday, July 9:** Music in the Park, Glenwood City Park, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
 - **Thursday, July 30:** Music in the Park, Glenwood City, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
 - **Thursday, August 6:** Music in the Park, Glenwood City Park, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
 - **Thursday, August 13:** Movie in the Park, Glenwood City Park, 8:45 p.m.
 - **September 10-19:** America's Welcome Week
- Saturday, October 31:** Community Halloween, Trick or Treat, Welcome Center, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, December 3, 10, 17-** Magical Christmas in Glenwood, 4:00-7:00 p.m.
 - **First Wednesday of every Month -** Newcomers Coffee Hour 9:00-10:00 a.m., Welcome Center Conference Room





Pope County COMMUNITY EXPO

Saturday, April 11, 2026
Minnewaska High School
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
9:00 AM – “Coffee with a Cop” Classroom

PopeCountyExpo.com



Pope County Community Program Interest Survey Now Open

Community members across Pope County are invited to share their ideas and help shape future programs by completing the **Pope County Community Program Interest Survey** by **April 21**. This survey is an opportunity for residents to voice their interests, identify gaps in current offerings, and help strengthen collaboration among local organizations and community leaders.

Taking the survey is quick and easy. Community members can simply **scan the QR code** included with this announcement to share their feedback.

Feedback collected will guide the planning and development of meaningful, impactful opportunities that reflect the needs and interests of the community. All responses will remain anonymous and will be used solely for program planning purposes by participating organizations, including (but not limited to) Central Square, Minnewaska Area Schools, and Pope County 4-H.

All members of the Pope County community are encouraged to participate. Your input is invaluable in helping local organizations work together to strengthen community connections and expand opportunities throughout Pope County.

**SCAN
TO TAKE
SURVEY**





2026 Chamber Dates

- **February 13 – Rise & Shine** - 7:30 a.m. -American Solutions for Business
- **March 13 –Rise & Shine** - 7:30 a.m. - Glenwood State Bank
- **April 10 – Rise & Shine** - 7:30 a.m. - Hurley and Associates
- **April 11 – Pope County Expo** - 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. - Minnewaska High School
- **May 8 – Rise & Shine** - 7:30 a.m. - Minnewaska Robotics
- **June 12 – Rise & Shine** - 7:30 a.m. -TBD
- **July 17 – Rise & Shine** - 7:30 a.m. - Glenwood Waterama (City Park)
- **July 23-25 – Waterama Boardwalk Sales** - 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. -Glenwood City Park
- **August 10 – Chamber Cup** - 11:00 a.m. - Minnewaska Golf Course
- **August 14 – Rise & Shine** - 7:30 a.m. - United Way
- **September 11 – Rise & Shine** - 7:30 a.m. -Glacial Ridge Hospital
- **October 9 – Rise & Shine** - 7:30 a.m. - Glenwood Fire Department
- **October 22 – Salute to Business and Industry** - 11:30 a.m. - Lakeside Ballroom
- **November 13 – Rise & Shine** - 7:30 a.m. - Pope County Sheriff’s Posse
- **November 21 – Small Business Saturday/Magical Dollars starts**
- **December 11 – Rise & Shine** - 7:30 a.m. -TBD

MARK YOUR CALENDARS KIDS SAFETY CAMP



2 days of
hands on
learning!

- Water Safety
- Bullying/Internet Safety
- First Aid
- 911 use
- Police/Fire/ Ambulance
- Life Link tour
- Weather Safety
- Lunch / snacks

For incoming kids 4-6 grades

August 19 & August 20, 2026

Wednesday & Thursday 8 AM - 3 PM

MINNEWASKA HIGH SCHOOL



2026 – 2027 School Year Calendar

Minnewaska Area Schools

AUGUST

AUGUST '26						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

17 New Employee Inservice
 24 Flex Inservice Day
 25-27 Teacher Inservice
 25 9-12 Open House 4:00-7:00pm
 26 K-8 Open House 4:00-7:00pm
 31 First Day of School

T = 5.5
S = 1

SEPTEMBER '26

SEPTEMBER '26						
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4 No School
7 No School-Labor Day

T = 20
S = 20

OCTOBER

OCTOBER '26						
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12 K-12 Conferences 3:30-7:30pm
 14 K-6 NO SCHOOL- P/T Conferences 7:30am-3:30pm
 7-12th Grade in Session
 15-16 NO SCHOOL - Fall Break
 19 NO SCHOOL - Teacher Inservice

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S = 19/18

NOVEMBER '26

NOVEMBER '26						
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5 End Quarter 1
6 No School-Teacher Workshop
26-27 No School - Thanksgiving

T = 19
S = 18

DECEMBER '26

DECEMBER '26						
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DECEMBER
23-31 No School - Winter Break

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JANUARY '27

JANUARY '27						
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JANUARY
1 No School-Winter Break
15 End Quarter 2
18 No School-Teacher Workshop
19 No School-Teacher Inservice

T = 20
S = 18

FEBRUARY '27

FEBRUARY '27						
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12 No School
 15 No School - Presidents' Day
 18 K-7 Conferences 3:30-7:30pm
 8-11 Registration 3:30-7:30pm
 22 K-12 Conferences 3:30-7:30pm

T = 19
S = 18

MARCH '27

MARCH '27						
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MARCH
12 No School-Spring Break
25 End of Quarter 3
26 No School-Easter Break
29 No School-Teacher Workshop/Inservice

T = 21
S = 20

APRIL '27

APRIL '27						
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APRIL
16 No School

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S = 21

MAY '27

MAY '27						
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30	31					

MAY
27 Last Day of School
28 Teacher Workshop
28 Graduation

T = 20
S = 19

JUNE '27

JUNE '27						
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27	28	29	30			

JUNE

Up to 5 E-Learning Days may be used
 Emergency closing make-up days to be added at end of year, if necessary

	Student Days	Teacher Days
Quarter 1	44	51
Quarter 2	40	42
Quarter 3	44	46
Quarter 4	42	43
	170/169	182



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