

August 2026

SMILES--Mankato Office

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SMILES Center for Independent Living is a nonprofit whose mission is to support people with disabilities to realize their full potential.

Bowling at WowZone

Mondays, August 10, 17, 24 and 31. *There is no bowling on August 3rd.*****

4:00-5:30pm

Location: WowZone- 2030 Adams St. Mankato

Cost: \$6 for 2 games and \$2 for shoe rental (Payment made to WowZone when you arrive).

Have fun with peers while exercising in this fun sport. This is a great opportunity to connect with others and socialize.

Register with SMILES by Noon on the Friday before the event

Lunch Get Together: Weggy's

Tuesday, August 11

11:30-1:00pm

Location: Weggy's, 1600 Warren St. Mankato

Cost: Your lunch purchase

Join us for lunch and socializing at the Weggy's Restaurant.

Register by: August 7

Women's Group: Craft and Chat

Wednesday, August 12

4:00-6:00pm

Location: SMILES Office, Mankato

Cost: FREE

This is a welcoming peer support group for women with disabilities. Gather with others to discuss life, share ideas, engage in a variety of activities, and develop friendships along the way. At this event, please bring a craft that you are working on to show everyone and to work on while visiting. If you don't have a current craft, we will have a few items available to craft with.

Register by: August 7

Cross-Disability Support Group

Wednesday, August 12

5:00-6:00pm

Location: SMILES Office, Mankato

Cost: FREE

This is a welcoming peer support space for individuals with any and all types of disabilities. Through open conversation, participants will learn from one another, share experiences and build empowerment. You are not alone in this journey.

Register by: August 11

Party at the Pool

Thursday, August 13

7-8:30pm

Location: Tourtellotte Swimming Pool, East Mabel Street, Mankato

Cost: FREE

Cool off from the summer heat and join us for our Party at the Pool. Enjoy swimming, sunbathing, games, prizes and goodie bags. This event is brought to you by SMILES, Minnesota Valley Civitan, Harry Meyering Center, MRCL, LEEP and The Arc of Southern MN.

There is no need to pre-register for this event.

BINGO & Prizes

Tuesday, August 18

4-5:30pm

Location: SMILES Office

Cost: \$5

Do you feel lucky? Join us for Bingo, prizes and fun! Bring your own beverage and snack if you would like.

*****Limit of 15 participants*****

Register by: August 14

Movie & Dessert "How to Eat Fried Worms"

Wednesday, August 19

4:00-6:00pm

Location: SMILES Office, Mankato

Cost: Movie is FREE. We will have Worms in Dirt Dessert available for purchase for \$3. You are also welcome to bring your own snack and beverage.

Need a good laugh? We will be watching this comedy film on our big screen TV.

*****Limit of 15 participants*****

Register by: August 14

Steele County Fair

Thursday, August 20

10-2pm

Location: Steele County Fair Grounds, Owatonna. We will meet at the north entrance of the fair ground, just between the 1st Aid/Information Station and the 4-H Exhibit Building

Cost: What you plan to spend on rides, food, beverage and merchandise.

Let's meet up at the fair! We will walk around the fairgrounds and explore the exhibits, booths, shows, rides and food stands.

Register by: August 17

**Volunteer at SMILES:
Making snacks for upcoming Art Gallery Reception**

Wednesday, August 26
4-5:30pm
Location: SMILES Office
Cost: FREE

Build skills in culinary and presentation. Help SMILES in preparing snacks for our upcoming Art Show.

*****Limit 3 Volunteers*****
Register by: August 21

Chef Club: End of Summer Grill Out

Thursday, August 27
3:00-6:00pm
Location: Benson Park, North Mankato (North side of park, along Timm Road)
Cost: \$5

Build upon your cooking skills and grill hot dogs & hamburgers with sides. There is a water fountain available at the park, otherwise bring your own beverage. We will start cooking at 4pm.

Register by: August 21
*****Limit 14 Participants*****

Adaptive Bike Ride

Thursday, August 27
4-5:30pm
Location: Benson Park, North Mankato (North side of park, along Timm Road)
Cost: FREE

SMILES will have our adaptive bikes available to ride at Benson Park.

Register by: August 21

**SMILES Artistic Abilities Art Show
Opening Reception**

Friday, August 28
4-6:30pm
Location: 410 Art Gallery, address, Mankato
Cost: FREE, Donations will be graciously accepted.

Celebrate the opening night of SMILES Artistic Abilities Art Show. This show will feature various art pieces from our consumers. Light refreshments will be available. The art will be displayed at the 410 Art Gallery until September 12th if you are unable to attend the opening reception.



Contact Anna Johnson at SMILES for registration and details

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BAD WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY:

- SMILES Recreation Department will follow Mankato Area Public Schools' Winter Weather Policy and will cancel events, if the school district is cancelled because of winter weather/road concerns.
- On days where weather looks to decline to a Watch or Warning regarding Thunderstorms or Tornados, decisions regarding program cancellation will be made by SMILES staff.

WHEN POSSIBLE, SMILES STAFF WILL TRY TO CALL, TEXT OR EMAIL REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS TO NOTIFY THEM OF A CANCELLATION IN ADVANCE.

Please Be on Time!!! Be respectful of others attending. We understand that there will be occasions of which someone may be late, but it does interrupt the flow of the event and the participation of those attending.

No Call/No Show Policy

- If someone signs up for a class and does not cancel at least 4 hours in advance, they will be marked as a "No Call/No Show." Anyone who receives a No Call/No Show for an event will be unable to register for the next month's activity events.
- This policy is necessary because some classes have limited space, and supplies are purchased based on expected attendance.

Thank you!!!~