

Vestal Recreation

Winter/Spring 2025



vestalrecreation.com

516 Front St., Vestal, NY 13850

607-754-3368

Hours: 8am - 4:30pm, Monday - Friday

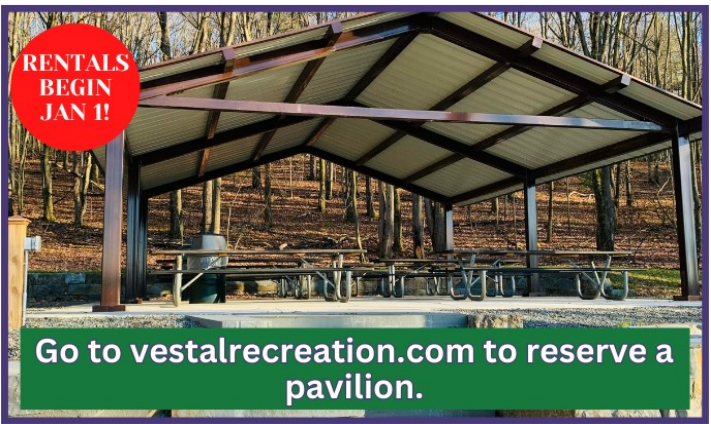
A few interesting facts from 2024...

- 125 Kids played in the VYBO League
- 119 Kids played in the T-Ball League
- 87 Players participated in the Challenger League
- 223 Different groups picnicked at Arnold Park
- 180 Kids learned to play Tennis
- 1012 Kids learned/perfected new skills in eleven different Sports Camps
- 565 Kids played for six weeks at three free supervised playground sites
- 429 Kids learned to swim
- 1200 Attended the Summer Celebration
- 280 Attended the Splash Bash
- 50 Girls played in the Field Hockey League
- 900 Attended the concerts at the gazebo
- 800 Attended the Vestal Community Band Concerts
- 160 Came out to watch Tarzan
- 200 Came out to watch Kung Fu Panda 4
- 150 Came out to watch Hocus Pocus
- 264 Attended the Father Daughter Ball
- 165 Santa Letters written
- 500 Attended the Tree Lighting & Sing-a-long
- 139 Vendors participated in Front Street Day
- 21,449 Visited the Outdoor Pool
- \$139,599.45** Collected in revenue as of 11/18/24.

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Family Swim at Vestal High School

Have fun this winter with the entire family at the Vestal Sr. High School pool, Woodlawn Dr., Vestal. No registration necessary. Cost is \$1.00 for kids and \$2.00 for adults (includes observers), payable to the staff. Exact change is appreciated. An adult must accompany children under 10 years. Registration not required. Enter the High school through the front doors. Follow discs to pool.

Saturdays: January 11 - March 29
Noon - 3:00 PM - Open Swim
3:00 - 4:15 PM - Lap Swim
Closed 1/18, 2/15

Town of Vestal Recreation
LIFEGUARDING CLASS

Location: Vestal High School
Great Summer Job!!!

COST \$200

DATES AND TIMES:
(Must Attend All Class Sessions)

- Feb 28th 5pm to 9pm
- March 1st 8am to 5pm
- March 7th 5pm to 9pm
- March 8th 8am to 4pm

Register now at: vestalny.myrec.com



Join us for a Free EASTER EGG HUNT



Sponsored by the Vestal Elks

SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH

Arnold Park, Andrews Rd

11:00 AM

Hop into the fun at our Free Easter Egg Hunt and be on the look out for the Easter Bunny!

Open to ages 1-10. Kids will be divided by age. Bags are provided.

Check vestalrecreation.com for cancelation in case of bad weather.



Winter Woods: Tracking and Behaviors

“Day Camp” at the Waterman Conservation Center is an exciting adventure filled program, open when school is closed. Are you curious what wild animals are up to when the temperature drops? Join our tracking expedition at the Waterman Center and learn how to identify animals by the signs they leave behind. We’ll also explore the behaviors and tools different local species use to survive through the winter. Be sure to bring warm clothes, boots, lunch, and a water bottle. Part of the program presented outside. Program the same for both days, please only sign up for one.

Monday, January 20 - Act. #WAT-01 or Monday, February 17 - Act. #WAT-02

Times: Both dates run 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Ages: Open to boys & girls in 3rd and 4th Grade

Location: Waterman Center, Hilton Rd., Apalachin

Register online at vestalrecreation.com



T-Ball League

This league is a learning and recreational league. Participants will use T-stands to hit from and a soft rubber ball. All games are weather dependent and will be cancelled due to rain or wet conditions with no makeups. There are no practices. If your child is 6 years or older they would play either in Little League or the Girls Softball League, see page #6.

Ages: 4 & 5 years - girls and boys

Dates: Thursdays, May 1 – June 12

The first week we will meet for pictures only. On the last night there will be a pizza party.

Location: Arnold Park, Andrews Rd.

Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM all games

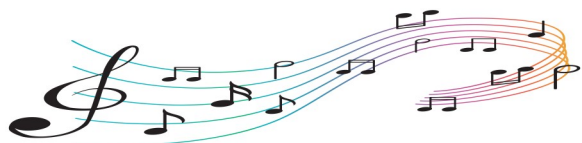
Cost: \$35.00 Residents - includes T-shirt

\$45.00 Non-residents - includes T-shirt

Participants Use Act. No. TB-01

To Register: Go to vestalrecreation.com and login or create an account. Be sure to fill in T-shirt size. Participants will be placed on teams by the Recreation Department. Team rosters and schedules will be mailed out mid April.

Volunteer Coaches are needed to run this league. Two or three coaches per team are preferred. Coaches must be fun loving and have a sense of humor. There is one brief coaches meeting prior to the first week of the program. There are no practices and all games will be played for fun only. Skill in this sport is not required. There is no cost to be a coach. Be sure to fill in a T-shirt size for the free coach's T-shirt. You must also pass a background check. To register as a coach use: **Coach only - Act. No. TBC-02**



Vestal Community Band

The Vestal Community Band is a local concert band, formed over 30 years ago. The group consists of experienced players and is conducted by Gail Markstein. The Vestal Community Band rehearses and performs on Thursdays at 7pm. This band enjoys performing at community functions, schools, parks and long term care facilities. For membership information, or performance availability, please contact Gail Markstein at 607-644-8752.

Vestal Senior Center

Open Monday - Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Old Vestal Central Jr. High School, Main St.

Lunches served Monday - Friday at 11:30 AM

The Vestal Senior Citizens offer exciting events throughout the year along with hot nutritious lunches provided by the **Broome County Office for Aging**. **Reservations for meals must be made one day in advance by 1:00 PM. Eat in or To-Go Meals.** Cost for lunch is \$4.00 for 60 years and older and \$5.00 for those younger than 60. It is a great opportunity to get together with friends and participate in many fun-filled activities.

Activities include: monthly bus trips, Hand & Foot card game (Mon. at 9am), Pinochle (Tues. at 9 AM) Bridge (Wed. at noon), Bingo (Thurs. at 10 AM), assorted card games daily, Bunko (4th Fri. of every month, following lunch), speakers on many interesting subjects, special luncheon events, bake sales and theme parties. Assorted card games daily. There is also a loaning library. Mah-Jong on Mondays at 12 PM.

Vestal Senior Club

The club meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 12:15 PM at the Senior Center. Annual dues are \$5.00 for members and \$10.00 for newcomers. The club sponsors trips, dinners, and picnics. The mission of the club is to foster education and fellowship, to have fun, and make contributions to the community. If you are interested in the club, please attend a meeting.

Oil Painting Classes

Join the Vestal Sr. Citizens and “perfect” your skills in oil painting. Class meets every Wednesday from 1:00 – 3:00 PM, throughout the year at the Vestal Sr. Center. Please bring your own supplies. No classes in August. For further information call the Senior Center.

Knitting and Crocheting Club

Wednesdays from 9:30 AM. Learn things from others and teach someone else something new.

Chop and Chat

Every other Monday at 10am. Enjoy conversation as food is prepped and leave with a delicious recipe to cook at home. No cost but donations for the program are welcomed. Reservations are required as spots are limited. Don't miss out on this wonderful program.

Call the Vestal Senior Center for more details on all programs at 607-754-9596.

VESTAL RECREATION DEPARTMENT

FATHER DAUGHTER BALL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025

6:00 – 9:00 PM

Doors open at 5:00 PM

The Doubletree by Hilton
225 Water Street,
Binghamton

\$50 Adults, \$35 Daughters
Additional \$10 each for
Apalachin Residents

Fathers and Daughters, join us for an enchanting evening of dinner and dancing.

The buffet will include beef tips, breaded chicken fingers, gourmet macaroni and cheese, garlic mashed potatoes, glazed baby carrots, salad, cookies and brownies.

All seating is assigned and tables will hold a maximum of ten. We will do our best to honor seating requests. Complete tables of ten are guaranteed.

To register- create or log into your account at vestalrecreation.com.

List all the names of adults and children that you wish to be seated with or sit near on the request line. If you do not have a seating preference, leave it blank and we will seat you. ALL ages are welcome. Open to Town of Vestal and Apalachin Residents only.



Register at
vestalrecreation.com

Last day to register:
Friday, February 7th, 2025

Vestal Community Sports Leagues

List below are a variety of youth leagues that are available in our community. These leagues are not sponsored by the Town of Vestal Recreation Department, but are run independently by citizens in the community. For more information on a community league, please reach out to the appropriate contact person or website listed below. Information is subject to change.

Broome County American League Baseball - Open to ages 16 - 19 years. Contact John Anderson at 607-727-7843 for any questions.

Vestal Girls Softball League - Open to girls ages 5-12 years. Registration begins in February. Spring League runs April - June. All-Star Season runs June - July. Contact Kyle Vimislik at 607-752-4445 for any questions. Check out our facebook page for up to date information.

Vestal Little League - Co-ed baseball league ages 5-12 years. The league runs April - June. Email vestallittleleague@gmail.com for any questions. Registration starts February 1st.

Website: vestallittleleague.com

Vestal Recreational Youth Soccer Association - Recreational league open to boys and girls ages 4 - 16 years. Registration starts mid May. Season runs August - October. Contact James Tripp at jimtripp99@gmail.com for any questions. **Website: vrysa.org**

Vestal Teener Baseball League - Open to players ages 13 - 19 years. Contact Bob Anderson for any questions by email at baga5254@gmail.com or vestallteenerbaseball@gmail.com. **Website: vestalteenerbaseball.com**

Vestal Youth Football League - Flag Football for Pre-K - 2nd grade. Tackle Football for 3rd - 6th grades. Cheerleading available for grades 1st - 8th. Teams divided by grades. Player levels are determined by grade child is going into in September. Registration to be determined. Follow VYFL on [facebook](#) for updates. Contact Eric Wiggins at 607-624-8676 or wiggs1766@hotmail.com for any questions. **Website: vestalyouthfootball.com**

Vestal Youth Lacrosse - Vestal boys and girls - Kindergarten - 6th grades. Contact Jenn Gates at vestalyouthlacrosse@gmail.com for any questions. Check out our facebook page. **Website: tshq.bluesombrero.com/vestalyouthlax**

VYSA - Travel (Vestal Youth Soccer Association) - Soccer club is open to all boys and girls ages 4 -19 years. Our program runs all year with indoor soccer in the winter and outdoor in the spring. We have professional trainers, great coaches and most games are local. Signups are accepted throughout the year. Contact Amar Bhandari at president@vestalsoccer.com for any questions. **Website: vestalsoccer.com**

WINTER HIKING AT JONES PARK & ARNOLD PARK

Experience the quiet beauty of winter on the snow-covered trails of Jones Park and Arnold Park. Both parks offer serene paths through wooded landscapes, perfect for a refreshing hike in the crisp, cold air.



Town of Vestal Recreation Department

WE ARE HIRING

Summer Playground Instructors, Lifeguards, Swim Instructors, and Sports Camp Coaches

Visit vestalrecreation.com for an application. For more information please call us at 607-754-3368

Applications are due by April 1, 2025

Make a difference while having fun!



VENDORS SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY JUNE 7TH

VESTAL FESTIVAL

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Set up starts at 8:00 am.

Registration will begin January 1, 2025.

vestalrecreation.com

2025

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Partner with the Town of Vestal Recreation Department in 2025 to make a positive impact in our community! Our programs and events attract families, youth, and individuals of all ages, offering your business a unique chance to gain exposure while supporting local recreation initiatives.

Sponsorship opportunities include youth sports leagues, Vestal Festival, special events, and family-friendly activities. As a sponsor, your brand will be featured prominently in program materials, banners, and online promotions, showcasing your commitment to enriching community life.

Join us in creating memorable experiences for Vestal residents while promoting your business! Contact us today to explore tailored sponsorship options.



Southern Tier Challenger League

Southern Tier Challenger League is a baseball program for children and adults who have physical, developmental, and intellectual disabilities within the Southern Tier of New York and Northern Tier of Pennsylvania. Open to players age 6 & up.

Teams are set up according to abilities, rather than age, and can range from 8-15 players, who can participate in one of three levels: Tee-Ball, Coach-Pitch or Player Pitch. Each player gets a chance at bat. The side is retired when the offense has batted through the roster. No score is kept during games. The Challenger players wear uniforms and safety equipment as other players would. One of the benefits of our program is that we encourage the use of "buddies" for the Challenger players. The buddies assist the Challenger players on the field but whenever possible, encourage the players to bat and make plays themselves. However, the buddy is always nearby to help when needed.

Season starts end of April-beginning of May and runs through June. For more information or to register, go to vestalrecreation.com or call **607-754-3368**.



2025 SUMMER PREVIEW

The summer 2025 Recreation program brochure will be available in April. Brochures are available at the Recreation Office, Town Hall, Vestal Library, Weis Markets, and digitally sent to all Vestal schools. You can be placed on the mailing list by calling 607-754-3368 or emailing kwickman@vestalny.gov.

Free Supervised Playground Program

Runs from Monday, June 30 to Friday, August 8, Monday - Friday at a variety of Vestal Parks. The program hours are 9:00 AM – Noon and 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Supervised activities include: sports, games, weekly special events and arts & crafts. A great way to make new friends and create new memories.

Summer Camps & Lessons

Acting, Advanced Baseball, Baseball, Boys Lacrosse, Cheerleading, Co-ed Basketball, Co-ed Soccer, Co-ed Flag Football, Co-ed Wrestling, Elite Basketball, Field Hockey, Girls Advanced Soccer, Girls Lacrosse, Pickleball Lessons, Softball, Swim Lessons, Tennis Lessons, and Volleyball.

Picnic Shelter Rentals

Arnold Park has four covered picnic shelters that can be rented by the day from April through October. Cost is \$30.00 Monday - Thursday, and \$75.00 Friday, Saturday or Sunday for Vestal residents. Non residents pay an additional \$20.00. Alcohol is permitted with insurance and a \$50.00 additional fee. You can find the insurance requirement online. To reserve a pavilion, go to vestalrecreation.com.

Splash Bash

Wednesday, July 23 at Vestal Memorial Pool & Splash Pad. Music, games, and family fun!

Summer Celebration

Wednesday, August 6 at Arnold Park. Music, games, inflatable rides, face painting and lots of good family fun! Delicious food available for a cost or bring your own picnic dinner!