

THINGS TO DO

Having fun is important! Sports, social clubs, school or religious activities are just a few examples of how you can meet new friends, learn new skills, and have fun, too. For example:

Boys & Girls Club(715) 845-2582
 Or access their website at: www.bgclub.com

Offers area youth a place to get together after school and in the summer, for sports and recreation, arts activities, and community service. Locations in Wausau, Greenheck Fieldhouse, and D. C. Everest Middle School.

Doing new things can be scary sometimes, but it gets easier once you get involved. Here are some other ideas for getting involved:

Boy Scouts(715) 355-1450
 Long-distance callers may call toll-free . . . (800) 303-2195 www.samoset.org

4-H(715) 261-1243
<http://marathon.uwex.edu/4h>

Girl Scouts(715) 355-9850
 Long-distance callers may call toll-free. . . (888) 747-6945 www.gsnwgl.org

YMCA(715) 845-2177 (Woodson in Wausau)
 or(715)841-1850 (Aspirus in Weston)
 or(715) 630-4093 (Mosinee Center)

YWCA(715) 842-3381
www.ywca.org/wausau



LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Group activities can help you develop leadership skills, and the friendships and self-confidence that go with them! For example:

Keystone Club and Torch Club(715) 845-2582
 Boys & Girls Club members develop their leadership skills by volunteering throughout the Club and the community. Locations in Wausau, Greenheck Fieldhouse, and D. C. Everest Middle School.

Mayor's Youth Action Council (Wausau)(715) 261-1550
 Council members are teens who review information during monthly meetings to give youth perspective on City of Wausau issues, and identify concerns of young residents.

CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

You can learn to explore your own creativity and appreciate others' talents thanks to groups like:

- Allegro Regional Dance Theater**(715) 845-5199
Non-profit dance company with positions for 20 dancers between the ages of 10 and 18.
- Center for the Visual Arts**(715) 842-4545
Or access their website at: www.cvawausau.org
Offers an exhibit gallery for local and regional artists, and art classes and workshops for youth.
- Central Wisconsin School of Ballet**(715) 842-4447
Or access their website at: www.cwschoolofballet.com
Teaches and promotes dance as an art form.
- Community Ballet**(715) 359-0369
All-inclusive ballet training for students, beginners through advanced, who would not otherwise have the opportunity to participate in weekly dance classes because of cost.
- Community Cultural Dance**(715) 261-0549
Teaches public multi-cultural dance to girls through 12th grade.
- Hmong Art Study Collection**(715) 842-3381
Collection of Hmong art and clothing that preserves cultural history, at the YWCA.
- LuCille Tack Center for the Arts**(715) 659-4499
Community arts center, built as an addition to Spencer High School, includes a 500-seat theater and art gallery.
- Marathon County Historical Society**(715) 842-5750
Or access their website at: www.marathoncountyhistory.org
Offers artifact programs, historic presentations and tours.
- Performing Arts Foundation**(715) 842-0988
Or access their website at: www.grandtheater.org
Stages live performances at Wausau's Grand Theater throughout the year.
- Wausau Community Theater**(715) 359-3972
Or access their website at: www.wausaucommunitytheatre.org
Puts on 4-5 stage productions per year by open tryouts.
- Wausau Concert Band**(715) 848-1188
Offers free Thursday night summer concerts at area parks.
- Wausau Conservatory of Music**(715) 845-6279
Or access their website at: www.wausauconservatory.org
Offers private and group music lessons for students of any age and level.
- Woodson Art Museum**(715) 845-7010
Or access their website at: www.lywam.org
Permanent and changing art exhibits, specializing in art of the natural world.
- Yawkey House Museum**(715) 848-6143
Marathon County Historical Society museum.

DROP-IN CENTERS

Some teens just like to have someplace to go to meet friends informally. Places like:

Boys & Girls Club

1710 N. 2nd St., Wausau
6400 Alderson St., (Greenheck Fieldhouse), Schofield
9302 Schofield Ave., (Everest Middle School), Weston

The Neighbors' Place

745 Scott St., Wausau

Spencer Kids Group

117 E. Clark St., Spencer

YMCA Youth Center

707 3rd St., Wausau

PARKS and RECREATION

There are parks throughout Marathon County that provide year-'round activities. To find out about a certain park or recreation area, call:



Wausau and Marathon Co. Parks Department(715) 261-1550

Or access their website at: www.co.marathon.wi.us/parks.asp

Call or log on for information about County and City of Wausau parks, facilities and activities.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources(715) 359-4522

Or access their website at: www.dnr.wi.gov/org/land/parks

Call or log on for State Parks information.

CLUBS and SPORTS

Some groups like **Youth in Government** at the YMCA, or **Marathon County Youth Hockey**, are just for young people. But you aren't limited only to so-called "youth" groups.



For information about other clubs or sports leagues, call:

United Way's 2-1-1dial 2-1-1 or (715) 848-2255 24 hrs./day

Or, search the Keyword **GROUPS** at: www.unitedwaymc.org/211.htm

Offers information & referral to local community groups.

EVENTS and ACTIVITIES

Check your school calendar or website to find out about school activities you and your schoolmates can join.

For information on community events, call:

Wausau Area Events(715) 843-0748

Or access their schedule of events at: www.wausauareaevents.org

Wausau/Central Wisconsin Convention &

Visitors Bureau(715) 355-8788

Long-distance callers may call toll-free. . .(888) 948-4748

Or access their calendar of community events at: www.visitwausau.com



See also VOLUNTEERISM, page 67.