

# Pepin Community Education

## Winter 2025

We are excited to be partnering with YMCA Camp Pepin for some wonderful outdoors adventure experiences and to be introducing more classes for families. We look forward to a special presentation by River Valley Raptors on April 3. As always, we have an interesting variety of classes taught by talented local residents. We hope to see you this winter!

You can register by using the forms on the Pepin Area Schools Website <https://www.pepin.k12.wi.us/community/> or by printing and filling out pages 1 & 2 of this flyer and sending it to the school office.

Mark your selection on the form below. Provide your name and contact information on the next page.

CLASS TITLE	DAY	DATE	LOCATION	TIME	COST	SELECTION
Let's Make Valentines	Mon.	Jan. 20	Home Ec. Room	6-9	donation	
Introduction to Ice Fishing	Wed.	Jan. 22	School Library	6-8pm	donation	
Gourd Art	Mon/Wed	Jan. 27, 29	Tech Ed. & Art Room	6-8pm	\$ 45.00	
Positive Parenting (Triple P)	Thurs.	Jan. 30	pre school, library, cafeteria	6-7:30	N/C	
" " " "	Thurs.	Feb. 20	pre school, library, cafeteria	6-7:30	N/C	
" " " "	Thurs.	March 27	pre school, library, cafeteria	6-7:30	N/C	
" " " "	Thurs.	April 24	pre school, library, cafeteria	6-7:30	N/C	
names and ages of children you will bring						
Landscape Needle Felting	Sat.	Feb. 1	Home Ec. Room	1-4pm	\$ 25.00	
Frost and Found:	Sat.	Feb. 8	YMCA Camp Pepin	10-3	\$ 40.00	
names and ages of family members you will bring			child (6-12)		\$ 30.00	
			family up to 6		\$ 110.00	
Tracks, Trails and Tweets	Sat.	Feb. 22	YMCA Camp Pepin	9-noon	\$ 19.00	
names and ages of family members you will bring			child (6-12)		\$ 14.00	
			family up to 6		\$ 55.00	
Intermediate Spanish	Sat.	Feb. 22	School Library	10-11:30	\$ 15.00	
Learn to Knit a Beginner Cowl	Wed.	Feb. 26	School Library	5-7pm	\$ 50.00	
Mardi Monday: Let the Good Times Roll	Mon.	March 3	Home Ec. Room	6-8ish	\$ 30.00	
Mysteries of the Lake Pepin Area	Monday	March 31	School Library	6-8	donation	
Focaccia Art	Sat.	April 5	Home Ec. Room	10:30-12:30	\$ 25.00	
Aerial Adventures (ages 10 & up)	Sat.	April 5	YMCA Camp Pepin	9:30-3:30	\$ 55.00	
names and ages of family members you will bring						
Meet the Raptors	Thurs.	April 3	Cafeteria	5-6pm	donation	
Total						

It is now possible to register and pay for Pepin Community Education classes with forms on the school website, <https://www.pepin.k12.wi.us/community/> If you are going to pay on line, please fill out BOTH the registration and payment forms.

Your place in class is reserved when your payment is received. Please pay when you register. Cancellations must be received a week before the scheduled class for a full refund. If the class is cancelled you will receive a full refund.

## Community Education Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to *Pepin Area Schools*. You can: pay with credit card in the school office or set up online account with school. Use the charge account you have established with the school, or call the school office at 715-442-2391 and ask for Dawn to make a payment or set up an account. Mail check to: Pepin Area Schools, Community Education, 510 Pine St., Pepin, WI 54759 If you have registered ,we will send an email to confirm your registration, to notify you of changes or cancellations, and to remind you the week of the class. If school is closed due to inclement weather, community education classes are also cancelled.

Please call or email Kitty, 715-448-0651, [kittyl@pepin.k12.wi.us](mailto:kittyl@pepin.k12.wi.us) if you are registering less than a week before the class, to insure that there is space in the class and that your registration has been received.

## *Special Presentation!*

### **Meet the Raptors!**

**(donations accepted) Thurs., April 3, 5:00pm, Cafeteria**

Come see a live hawk, falcon, and owl and learn about some of the awesome adaptations that make raptors so special in this interactive 45-minute program. Find out why raptors are so important to the world around us, and learn what you can do to help raptors of the Driftless Area to ensure that these fantastic birds continue to thrive.

**Presenters: Abbey and Joe Krumrie of River Valley Raptors.** Their mission is to protect the unique habitat and biodiversity of the Driftless Area. They strive to achieve this mission through community engagement, education, and conservation.



This program is funded in part by your generous donations to the Cemetery Walk and other Community Education events.



# Class Descriptions

## *In the Kitchen*



### “Mardi-Monday: Let the Good Times Roll!”

**\$30, Monday, March 3, 6-8ish pm, Home Ec. Room**

Let's meet in the kitchen on Mardi-Gras Eve and whip up some New Orleans' inspired celebratory foods from Appetizers to a festive dessert!

Minimum 8, Maximum 12 students

**Instructor: Judy Krohn's** idea of a **Good Time** is hanging in the kitchen with friends, chopping ingredients, cooking together and, of course, eating and talking about the delicious food we just prepared!



### **Focaccia Art**

**\$25, Saturday, April 5, 10:30-12:30 Home Ec. Room**

Imagine home-made bread that is decorated with vegetables such as peppers, olives, cherry tomatoes or seeds and fruits to make stunning and delicious creations.

Minimum 8, Maximum 10 students

**Instructor: Pat Shutes** likes to make dishes that reflect her Italian heritage from gnocci to ravioli to focaccia. Her family appreciates these traditional foods.

## *Enrichment*

### **Mysteries of the Lake Pepin Area** (donations accepted) **Monday, March 31, 6-8pm, School Library**

Goran Pesic, whose interesting and entertaining presentations on Pepin area history have drawn standing room only crowds, has collected 150 mysteries of the Lake Pepin area, from crop circles to giant fish to flying machies to bank robberies, drug cartels, murderers, bull sharks and Vikings. And, of course, Peppi the lake monster.

**Instructor: Goran Pesic** is a resident of Pepin, father of two, and social studies teacher in Pepin Area Schools interested in local history including the broader area of Lake Pepin. He was born in Belgrade, Serbia, and has been a resident of Pepin since 2003. He loves science and history, and besides *Once Upon a Lake in*

*Pepin* he wrote other historical accounts including textbooks that his students use in school.



### **Intermediate Spanish**

**\$15 class Saturday, Feb. 22, 10:00-11:30, School Library**

Join Spanish instructor Thistle Petterson for a fast-paced session of energetic conversation and discussion in Spanish.

Activities will include:

- Introductions. Think of statements about your life. Two truths and one lie.
- Quick grammar review-preterit and the imperfect in verb conjugation when talking about the past.
- Read and discuss a current article from a Spanish newspaper.

Minimum 3, maximum 10 students

**Instructor: Thistle Petterson** lived in Spain for two years with the intention of learning Spanish. She taught English to Spaniards for a living while there and taught college level Spanish while attending graduate school upon returning to the United States. All of these experiences combined have provided her with many tools to teach Spanish.

# Crafts

## Let's Make Valentines

(donations accepted) **Monday, January 20, 6-9pm, Home Ec. Room**

Bring the Love! Share the Love! No experience necessary! We will revisit some old favorites, (zines, the Victorian puzzle purse) and explore some new origami and paper cutting techniques as well as letterform stamps that will enable you to create bold, poster sized declarations of your affection. As always, there will be plenty of stickers, beautiful papers, and stamp carving tools and materials to play with.



Minimum 2, Maximum 12 students

**Instructor: Leslie Stewart** is a Pepin artist whose favorite holiday is Valentines Day. She loves papercraft and stamp carving with fellow artists of all ages and experiences. She also deeply values the friendships and connections as well as the mutual learning that our Community Education program fosters.

## Learn to Knit A Beginner Cowl

**\$50 (Includes yarn and needles) Wednesday, Feb. 26, 5-7pm, School Library**

This class will give you the beginner basics of knitting, including cast-on to needles and knitting in the round. The cowl consists of a scarf knit as a shallow tube. Malabrigo Rios is a soft wool with a large number of color choices, and we will provide you with a color of your choice and the needles that you will need to knit your cowl.

Minimum 6, Maximum 8 students

**Instructors: Judith Van Cleve and Ken Krenz** taught beginning knitting at the yarn studio *Steven Be!* in Minneapolis for a number of years.



# Parenting

## Gourd Art

**\$45, Monday Jan. 27, Wed. Jan 29, 6-7:30, Tech Ed & Art Room**

Make one or two beautiful gourd projects! Cher Marie will provide cleaned and dried gourds, paints, tools, and all supplies, including protective gloves and an informative handout. She will demonstrate some techniques for drawing & painting your gourd. Bring an apron or clothes you don't mind getting stained, a face mask, & eye protection if you have it.

Minimum 4, Maximum 10 students

**Instructor:** Those who know **Cher Marie** know how much she loves gardening. A few years ago, she found a book on gourd art and it was a game changer, applying her artistic skills to a new canvas using gourds that she grew in her garden!



## Landscape Needle Felting

**\$25, Saturday, Feb. 1, 1:00-4:00, Home-ec room**

Enjoy painting with wool as we needle-felt a 5 x 7 landscape. This beginner level class teaches basic felting and how to create depth and interest by adding subtle color. Bring a small picture for inspiration if you'd like.

Maximum: 8 students

**Instructor: Cindi Beurskens** is the owner of Rush River Fiber in Bay City, WI.



## Positive Parenting Program (Triple P)

**N/C, Thursdays, Jan. 30, Feb. 20, March 27, April 24, 6-7:30, School Library, preschool classroom and cafeteria.**

Join us for Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) sessions, designed to help parents build strong, nurturing relationships with their children. Triple P is a science-based program that provides practical tools to manage stress, encourage healthy habits, and handle everyday parenting challenges. Whether you're raising toddlers or navigating more complex family dynamics, these seminars—such as "Power of Positive Parenting" and "Raising Confident, Competent Children"—will equip you with the skills to boost your confidence and tackle common issues.

Each session will feature supervised playgroup for children (birth to 5 years old) in the preschool classroom, while parents attend parenting classes in the school library (LMC). A free meal will be provided, and those who register will have a chance to win prizes! This event is free, but registration is requested to help us plan for food. Older siblings are also welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Instructor: Linsey Kaufman** is a Family Resource Navigator for Pepin and Buffalo Counties.





# Outdoor Activities

## Introduction to Ice Fishing

(donations accepted) **Wednesday, January 22, 6-8pm, School Library**

Come in to learn from a couple of long time 'River Rats' about gear, tactics, locations and safety to be successful in Ice Fishing along the Mississippi River Backwaters.

**Instructors Dave Hoffman and Troy Ingli** have more than 80 combined years of outdoor experience. This class will be sure to benefit those who would like to get started ice fishing, or those that want to improve their catching ability in the outdoors. Troy is a current teacher and Athletic Director at Pepin Area Schools. Dave, a Durand native and Platteville Graduate is a retired teacher and avid outdoorsman. He is a brilliant story teller and will be a super resource to share knowledge with.



## Frost and Found:

### A Family Winter Survival Experience

**\$40 (adult 13+), \$30 children (6-12 years),**

**Family cap (up to 6) \$110,**

**Saturday, Feb. 8, 10AM-3PM,**

**YMCA Camp Pepin**

Join us for a winter family survival adventure at YMCA Camp Pepin! Work together to master essential skills like building shelters, starting fires in tough conditions, and making snowshoes. A warm meal cooked over the campfire rounds out this interactive, family-friendly experience.

Minimum 9 maximum 25 people

**Instructor: Erik Burton** is the Camp Director at YMCA Camp Pepin, bringing over a decade of experience in education and outdoor programming. A Minnesota native with a lifelong love for exploring nature, Erik has spent the past five years designing engaging, family-friendly programs that combine education, adventure, and fun.

Before joining Camp Pepin, Erik was a high school teacher for nine years, working with students of all ages around the world through teaching, coaching, and extracurricular activities. His passion for the outdoors and ability to connect with participants of all ages make his programs both meaningful and memorable.



## Tracks, Trails, and Tweets:

### A Winter Wildlife Adventure

**\$19(age 13+), \$14(age 6-12), Family cap \$55**

**Saturday, Feb. 22, 9am-noon, YMCA Camp Pepin**

Discover the hidden world of winter wildlife at Camp Pepin! This family-friendly program invites participants to explore animal tracks, learn about the habits of winter animals, and experience up-close encounters with birds in their natural habitat. Perfect for nature enthusiasts of all ages, this event blends hands-on activities, outdoor exploration, and creative fun for a memorable winter day.

Minimum 13, maximum 25 people

**Instructor: Erik Burton, Camp Director**



## Aerial Adventures at Camp Pepin

**\$55/person, Saturday, April 5, 9:30 am-3:30 pm,**

**YMCA Camp Pepin**

For families with children 10+. Bring a picnic lunch. Get ready for an exciting day of adventure and teamwork at Camp Pepin! Aerial Adventures is a family friendly program that offers participants the chance to experience the thrill of the Zipline, Giant Swing, and Faith Pole. Certified staff will lead the group through safety procedures before participants tackle these exciting challenges. The program is designed for all skill levels and emphasizes fun, confidence building, and shared memories.

Minimum 9, maximum 18 people

**Instructor: Erik Burton, Camp Director**