

Free Community Events Blossom in April

Camp Rally Night launches the Y's summer season on Monday April 8 from 5-7 pm. Camp Rally Night is a great opportunity to check out what the YMCA Summer Day Camp is all about! At this event youth & parents get to meet some of our camp counselors and the camp director. Campers can bond with the counselors while they play in our bounce house, play games, create a craft, and have complimentary popcorn. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to ask questions and registration assistance will be available. Camp Rally Night is also the finale of our early bird registration discount of 15% off the whole summer if you register for 11 weeks or more. This event is free and open to the public; campers do not need to be registered yet to attend.

Healthy Kids Day has been a national YMCA staple for 25+ years. This year's theme is "Awaken Summer Imagination with our Hometown Heroes" and we invited you to join us on Saturday, April 27th from 10 – noon. Our goal is to motivate parents and kids to stay physically and intellectually active all summer long and inspire kids to become heroes themselves by being the best they can be. Many local organizations will be joining us in the YMCA gymnasium to provide fun games and activities while promoting an active summer for youth. This event is free and open to the public.

Pass, Dribble and Shoot hosted by the Marshall Area Kiwanis Club will take place from 8:30am to noon on the 27th in conjunction with Healthy Kids Day. Children aged 5 to 10 years old will compete against their age and gender peers in passing, dribbling and shooting with points earned for each activity. This is a free event with trophies awarded to age and gender group winners.

The 1st Annual Healthy & Green Living Expo is being hosted by Healthy56258, Marshall GreenStep, and Bremer Bank. The event will focus on encouraging sustainable, healthy lifestyles and environmental protection in Southwest Minnesota. This free community event will run from 9am to 5pm on Saturday, April 27th at the Red Baron Arena. Local exhibitors and interactive presentations will feature information on living an active lifestyle, healthcare options, recycling and composting, resource conservation, and healthy living. The feature presentation will be Joyce Kaping and Colleen Anderson with Farm Girl Fresh. Their interactive demonstration goes from growing, to preserving, to preparing healthy whole food meals. There is still time to be a sponsor and exhibitor at this first time event. Visit the Healthy56258 website at www.healthy56258.org and click the expo tab.