

**BALL STATE UNIVERSITY
DEPT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**

MASTERS PROGRAMS



Master of Arts in Political Science | Master of Public Administration



DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Our graduate students benefit from a flexible curriculum, small class sizes and expert faculty dedicated to seeing their students achieve success. Not only are our teachers committed to excellence in the classroom, but they also pride themselves on scholarly publication and public service. They contribute thousands of volunteer hours to various government and not-for-profit boards and commissions. Several of our faculty members have even sought elective office and are active in both major political parties.

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Welcome to Ball State's Political Science Graduate Program!

We're glad that you're thinking about pursuing graduate studies, and that you're considering joining our program. As you know, we live in exciting and tumultuous times, as societies all over the world are roiled by changes that are upending established practices, overturning long-standing institutions, and challenging traditional understandings of basic ideas like race, gender and family.

- Ancient religious traditions are reclaiming their place on the world stage
- Millions of migrants and immigrants risk their lives on several continents, seeking a better life for themselves, even as they strain the capacity of host countries and generate fierce debates about political identity and citizenship
- Population shifts and an interconnected global economy are transforming the demographic characteristics of the American polity, with implications for political parties, campaigns and elections, and policy decisions
- Dazzling technological advancements have revolutionized the role of the media in our lives, created a new generation of military weapons, and fueled an economy which may be both amazingly productive and contributing to climate change

If you're the sort of person who wants to study these kinds of developments and then find a career that allows you to effectively participate in them, we're convinced that our Master's program is just what you're looking for. We prepare students for careers in law, politics, the non-profit sector and education. Some of our MA graduates have gone on to earn Ph.D.'s and teach at universities like Carnegie Mellon, the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Washington, while others have received law degrees from Harvard, Vanderbilt and UCLA. We have graduates who have moved into careers in legislative and executive branch positions at both the state and national level, while others are campaign consultants or work for nonprofit organizations focused on public questions.

And you'll have the chance to gain experience in these kinds of activities before you graduate. Our department's *Bowen Center for Public Affairs* provides you the opportunity to work on issues related to civic engagement, voting systems, disability policy and public opinion polling. The Center's *Hoosier Survey* is Indiana's pre-eminent public policy survey and its findings are broadcast on television and eagerly read by lawmakers throughout the state. We also encourage our students to take internships and have a track record placing them with the Indiana General Assembly, nonprofit entities, city governments and law firms.

If you want to better understand the large forces that are transforming today's world, and then go to work helping to shape that transformation, you should give us a close look. My colleagues and I would be delighted to talk with you about your educational and career goals, and to answer any questions you might have about what we have to offer.

All the best,
Daniel Reagan
Professor and Chair

Graduate Assistants & Internships

Graduate Assistantships

Political Science

The Political Science department has several Graduate Assistantships that include a stipend, textbook discounts, and tuition remission. For more information and application, contact Stephanie Painter at the Political Science Main Office.

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Bowen Center for Public Affairs

The Bowen Center GA is responsible for providing research and administrative assistance in the operation of key Bowen Center programs such as the Indiana Certified Public Manager® Program and Community Conversations series. Interested candidates may contact the Bowen Center for Public Affairs by phone or email.

Bowen Center for Public Affairs

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<http://bowencenterforpublicaffairs.org>

Internships

Our graduate students have completed internships with government agencies and nonprofit organizations working in the students' fields of interest, such as law enforcement, corrections, recreation administration, and local government administration. Examples include the Indiana Department of Correction, the United States Olympic Committee, the Reclamation Project, and Muncie Weed and Seed.

Bowen Center for Public Affairs



Dr. Otis R. Bowen

Former Governor of Indiana

In 2007, the Bowen Center for Public Affairs' was founded to honor the leadership and personal integrity of Dr. Otis R. Bowen who served as the 44th Governor of Indiana and as Secretary of Health and Human Services under President Ronald Reagan. The Bowen Center for Public Affairs is a freestanding center at Ball State University in the College of Sciences and Humanities and is allied with the Department of Political Science.

The mission of the Bowen Center for Public Affairs is to promote civic engagement, public service, and effective public policy by providing:

- Civic education to help citizens effectively participate in public affairs;
- Professional development opportunities for state and local public officials and nonprofit administrators to help them provide efficient and effective services in an ever more challenging environment; and
- University-based, non-partisan applied research that identifies and clarifies current public policy needs and responds to the needs and requests of local, state and national leaders.
- Research into new technologies employed in voting systems and their use by election administration professionals to ensure the integrity of the vote.

Graduate Assistant Opportunities

The Bowen Center for Public Affairs hires one graduate assistant per semester depending on funding. GA's assist with administrative responsibilities and special projects within the Center's three institutes. Interested candidates may contact the Bowen Center for Public Affairs at 765-285-8982 or bowncenter@bsu.edu.



Joseph Losco
Director, Bowen
Center & Professor

Advancing the ideals of civic literacy, community involvement and public service embodied by Dr. Bowen's career, the Bowen Center for Public Affairs provides focused training, networking, and research opportunities through its three components: The Institute on Political Participation, The Institute for Public Service, and the Institute for Policy Research.

Bowen Institute on Political Participation

The Bowen Institute on Political Participation provides citizens and students with the skills and knowledge to more effectively participate in civic affairs. Citizens and Indiana college students who have expressed an interest in participating in government and politics but have not done so at a high level are nominated for participation in the Institute. These individuals are brought together in a weekend-long workshop to heighten their interests in civic engagement and enhance their participatory skills. The program provides students with valuable networking opportunities and both undergraduate and graduate students earn credit toward their degrees through attendance and participation.



Charles Taylor
CPM Coordinator &
Associate Professor

Bowen Institute for Public Service

The Institute for Public Service provides opportunities for the professionalization of Indiana state, county, and local officeholders and administrators through targeted training and certification programs. The programs feature best practice solutions to ensure the efficient and effective delivery of government services. Its signature programs include the Certified Public Manager® (CPM) Program and Community Conversations series. The CPM Program is the Bowen Center's nationally accredited and highly acclaimed professional development program designed specifically for managers and supervisors employed in public service. The CPM Program assists public managers to provide effective and efficient public resources by applying established public management theories. The Community Conversations series, conducted in collaboration with Indiana Humanities, convenes regional conversations among community leaders and citizens from public, private and non-profit sectors to address major challenges facing their communities.

Bowen Institute for Policy Research

The Institute for Policy Research conducts university-based, non-partisan research. Partnering with other organizations to meet specific research needs, the institute tackles projects that range from voting habits to discovering employment obstacles facing persons with disabilities. The institute also conducts the Hoosier Survey, an annual public policy opinion survey that collects data concerning public opinion on key public policy issues.

Graduate Alumni

Alumni Profile

Riley Steinmetz

Master of Arts

After my first year in the MA program at Ball State, I knew that research was not the area I wanted to end up in, so I started applying for summer internships to get some professional experience. With the depressed economy, I knew it was a tough market for internships, so I applied just about everywhere I could think of. One of those places with the U.S. Olympic Committee.

A few months later, I packed my bags for Colorado Springs to work as a Digital Media Intern at the USOC. Despite the fact that it outwardly appeared unrelated to political science, I actually used my graduate education extensively. With the skills I learned from Dr. Hall's POLS 626 course, I was able to put together weekly statistical analyses on website activity--something they'd never had an intern do before. Writing content for the website was another part of my job--and after writing a 30-page policy paper on same-sex marriage for Dr. Waite's POLS 610 class, throwing together a quick story on a controversial sponsorship deal came with ease. When international delegations came to the Olympic Training Center, I was able to quickly establish a rapport with them because of the foundation I had from my international relations courses. In short, an internship that had originally seemed like more of a break from the classroom ended up being a practical application of virtually everything I'd learned in those very classrooms!

I'm now working the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association, the national governing body for Olympic skiing and snowboarding in the United States. The same writing and statistics skills I learned at Ball State are still serving me well and were in huge factor in why I was hired over other candidates. I also have taken and passed the Foreign Service Officer Test, with the hopes of eventually serving as a diplomat for the United States abroad.

Every employer I've had since leaving Muncie has spoken to me at length about how my graduate degree has set me apart from the rest of the applicant field. When there's hundreds of applications for one position, those letters "MA" say a lot more than that--they indicate an applicant who knows how to write, present and run some stats.

Graduate Alumni

Alumni Profile

Chelsie Jaramillo

Master of Arts with Public
Administration Certificate

My internship took place at the Indiana State Museum in downtown Indianapolis. My initial job description was to help run the museum's summer education program in the office by taking a hands-on role in the program. Working hands-on in the program was a totally different experience than I had expected. There was a lot more multi-tasking involved in creating and implementing activities for the students while maintaining schedules and paperwork. I was able to apply Dr. Taylor's lessons from my POLS 651 Administrative Organization and Management class to effectively oversee and train staff during these sessions. This provided me with a great experience on diversity in the workplace and understanding how to make accommodations for others. By learning different cultures and values and accepting challenges and opportunities, I was able to enhance my experience.

When a second intern arrived, my focus for the internship shifted. As a final project, the other intern and I worked on a survey data report that had to be completed for the program. Here, Dr. Nishikawa's POLS 625 Research Methods course really came into play. By knowing how to input and code the data in Excel, it was easier to produce results without my boss having to monitor my progress every day.

I also benefitted from working with multiple departments during the internship. I had the opportunity to gain experience with grant coordinating, program development, and evaluation. Observing various departments work together through challenges by sharing resources and promoting teamwork helped me understand how to create a positive and progressive work environment. These experiences also allowed me to network throughout the museum to gain extra professional references and recommendations for future jobs.

Graduate Alumni

Alumni Profile

Todd Blevins

Master of Public Administration

My internship with the Town of Yorktown was one of the most rewarding experiences of my educational career. In fact, it was one of those rare experiences where you are able to both apply lessons from the classroom to your work and bring back lessons from your work to the classroom.

When I first applied for the internship, I was given four tasks. The first was to operate the Town's social media pages. I had done some previous research into social media management with professors in the department, but nothing could compare to hands-on experimenting to find out what content worked best, which my boss gave me the leeway to do. The second task was to help plan Yorktown's 5th annual Four for the Fourth run and first ever 4th of July festival. Having run in the race and worked at the festival, I can unequivocally say that both were major successes. Third, I developed a comparative analysis of Yorktown with other towns of similar size and budget to determine what Yorktown did well and where it could improve. After assembling the data, I made a presentation to the Yorktown Town Council outlining the town's performance in safety, education, and other areas. Finally, I was tasked with creating an arts council in Yorktown to help promote public art projects such as murals or statues. As it turns out, I became a member of the council myself and am continuing to help facilitate projects.

Even though these were the only four tasks originally outlined for the internship, I wound up doing much more. I applied for grants on behalf of the Town. I made a brochure on ways to be a good neighbor. I created signs to encourage use of the Yorktown trail system. I attended seminars on how public officials can encourage residents to love their cities and coordinate to make them even better.

I couldn't have embraced these opportunities without the preparation I received in my public administration and policy analysis courses, where I learned about the best ways to accomplish goals in all levels of government.

At the end of my internship, I decided to approach my boss the town manager and the town council president about possible future employment. It is perhaps the best indicator of the success of my internship that they said it was certainly a possibility. Furthermore, even though I didn't consider town management as a career prior to the internship, I am certainly considering it now.

Campus Information

Ball State University is a public research-university located in Muncie, IN. The university offers more than 180 bachelor's, associate, and professional degree programs and more than 120 master's, doctoral, and specialist programs across seven academic colleges. Our campus is vibrant and bustling with approximately 17,700 undergraduate students and 4,500 graduate students coming from 48 states, 2 territories and 43 countries to receive higher education in the American heartland.

Campus Resources

Ball State students have access to exercise and health facilities, affordable student housing, free public transportation, and a wide variety of dining services. Bracken Library, located in the center of campus, boasts an impressive array of books, online databases, electronic journals, archives and special collections, and a digital media repository that gives students access to primary source materials including photographs, oral history interviews, video and film footage, and much more.

Furthermore, students can use the university's interlibrary loan process to have materials residing at other public universities in Indiana delivered to them at Ball State. The library staff includes disciplinary specialists dedicated to helping students use these research tools and information repositories.

Ball State has more than 200 state-of-the-art computer laboratories and a campus-wide wireless network that keeps students connected to the Internet in each of the 100 buildings on our 730-acre campus. The university's dedication to technological innovation does not detract from the aesthetics of the campus, which is adorned with ponds, seasonal flowers, an expansive Quad full of mature trees, and iconic statues including Beneficence and the Frog Baby. In addition to their campus and its academic resources, Ball State students take pride in the university's NCAA Division I athletic programs, as well as an impressive number of student clubs and organizations catering to a wide variety of interests.

*Archives and Special
Collections*

**Exercise and
Health Facilities**

NCAA Division I Athletics

Online Databases

**Affordable Student
Housing**

Variety of Dining

Free Public
Transportation

**200
Computer
Labs**

Electronic Journals

*Digital Media
Repository*

**Campus-Wide
Wireless Network**

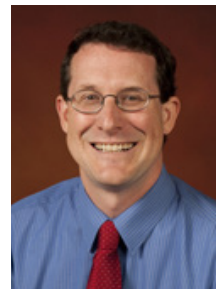
Political Science Faculty



Teh-Kuang Chang
Professor

Teh-Kuang Chang is Professor of Political Science at Ball State University. He came to Ball State University in 1966. He earned his Ph.D. at American University. Professor Chang teaches American Foreign Policy, International Relations, and Asian and Pacific Studies. Professor Chang's research interests include international relations in Asia, U.S.-China diplomatic relations, democratization in China, and constitutional development in China, Mongolia and Tuva. He initiated the International Studies, Asian Studies, Latin American Studies, and African Studies programs for Ball State University. Professor Chang initiated and chaired the Asian and Pacific Studies Research Committee of the International Political Science Association. During the 1995-96 academic year, Professor Chang was a Fulbright Professor who taught at Shanghai International Studies University and lectured at twelve universities and institutes across China. In 2005, Professor Chang was elected as the President of the International Tuva Studies Association. Professor Chang has travelled to over 70 countries for teaching, research, and participating in academic conferences.

Darren Wheeler is an Associate Professor of Political Science and has been at Ball State University since 2009. He received his Ph.D. from Miami University (OH). Professor Wheeler teaches primarily in the field of American Politics and his classes include: Civil Liberties, Constitutional Law, Presidency, Judicial Politics, Administrative Law, and American Government. Dr. Wheeler has published in *Presidential Studies Quarterly* and the *Homeland Security Review*. He is also the author of "Presidential Power in Action: Implementing Supreme Court Detainee Decisions."



Darren Wheeler
Associate Professor



Steven Hall
Asst. Professor

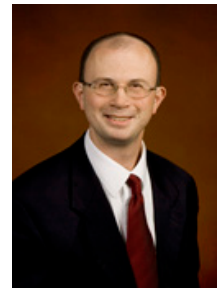
Steven Hall is an Assistant Professor at Ball State University. He has taught graduate-level class in International Political Economy and Econometrics. Hall received his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he also served as visiting assistant professor prior to his time at Ball State. His main research and teaching interests include International Relations with emphasis on International Political Economy and Economic Development as well as methods of Simultaneous Equation Models, Time Series Analysis, Event History Analysis, and Game Theory. He has written numerous conference papers and articles on international political science and is a member of the American Political Science Association and the Midwest Political Science Association.

Gene Frankland is Professor of Political Science and has been at Ball State University since 1972. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. His primary teaching areas are comparative politics (especially European politics) and environmental law and policy in the U.S. He has focused his research on green movements and political parties. Professor Frankland has received research grants from the German Academic Exchange Service to study in Germany in 1980, 1985, 1996, and 2002. During fall 2009, he received special leave to study German politics. He has also been a Visiting Fellow at Harris Manchester College, Oxford University, during spring 1996, and has taught in overseas university programs in Spain, Germany, Austria, and Britain. Professor Frankland was Director of the Ball State University London Centre Program during spring, 1997. He is currently the Director of the European Studies Program and Undergraduate Advisor for political science majors.



Gene Frankland
Professor

Brad Gideon is the Director of Legal Studies and Pre-Law Advising at Ball State University. He holds a B.S. in Political Science from Ball State University and attended New England School of Law, graduating with an Excellence Award in Negotiation. Gideon trained at the Strategic Consulting Group Campaign School in 2000 and served as a field organizer and developer for Elaine Bloom's grassroots campaign for Congress in the same year. From 2002-2003, Gideon was an AmeriCorps team leader for the Twenty-First Century Scholars Program, planning events, conducting workshops, and working in collaboration with numerous community groups and agencies. Gideon came to Ball State in 2002 as an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Political Science and became Director of Legal Studies in 2008.



Brad Gideon

Director of
Legal Studies and
Instructor

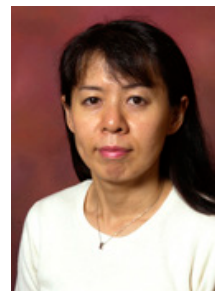


Sean Hildebrand

Asst. Professor

Sean Hildebrand is an Assistant Professor of Political Science and has been at Ball State University since 2015. His specialization is in Public Administration, Public Policy, and American Government. He received his Ph.D. in Public Administration from North Carolina State University and his B.A. and M.P.A. from the University of Delaware. Sean teaches courses on Public Administration, Public Finance, Public Policy, and American Government. His research focuses upon emergency management and homeland security policy implementation at the federal, state, and local level. He recently published in the Journal of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and has two book chapters scheduled to be published in the fall of 2015.

Dr. Nishikawa received her Ph.D. in political science from Michigan State University in 2002. Her primary research and teaching interests are in Comparative Politics. Within the field of comparative politics, she especially focuses on electoral institutions and political parties. While Japan has been her principal laboratory, her work has covered broader areas of the world. She has published a book, entitled *Mixed Electoral Systems: Contamination and Its Consequences* (With Federico Ferrara and Erik Herron). She has also published numerous papers in this area, which have appeared in *Comparative Political Studies*, *Electoral Studies*, *Party Politics*, *Women and Politics*, *International Political Science Review*, and the *Japanese Journal of Electoral Studies*.



Misa Nishikawa

Associate Professor



Francine Friedman

Professor

Francine Friedman is Professor of Political Science and has been at Ball State University since 1990. She received her Ph.D. from Claremont Graduate School. Professor Friedman teaches international relations, Russian and East European politics, ethnic conflict, and terrorism. Her primary research interests focus on the former Yugoslavia. Dr. Friedman is also the Director for the Jewish Studies program.



Joseph Losco
Director of Bowen
Center &
Professor

Joseph Losco is professor of political science at Ball State University where he teaches political theory and American government. Along with Raymond Scheele and Sally Jo Vasicko, he founded the Bowen Center for Public Affairs in 2007 and assumed the position of Director upon the retirement of the Center's co-founding members. As Director, Losco manages the Center's many programs, but has primary responsibility for conducting the annual Hoosier Survey on Public Policy and conducting research into electoral systems under the Voting Systems Technical Oversight Program. He publishes in the fields of political theory, public policy, and biopolitics. His publications have appeared in the *International Political Science Review*, *Political Behavior*, *The History of Political Thought*, and *PS: Political Science and Politics*. His books include *Political Theory: Classic Writings and Contemporary Views* (co-authored with Leonard Williams) published by Oxford Press and *Higher Education in Transition: Challenges of the New Millennium*, co-edited with Brian Fife (Bergin & Garvey, 2000). He is also co-author (with Ralph Baker) of *AMGOV*, an annually updated text in American Government published by McGraw-Hill. Losco has been at BSU since 1983. He received a Ph.D. at Temple University.

Michael A. Maggiotto received his Ph.D. in Political Science from Indiana University in 1977. Before coming to Ball State as Dean of the College of Sciences and Humanities in July 2003, he served as Dean of the School of Letters and Sciences at SUNY Brockport. Dr. Maggiotto held several administrative appointments at Bowling Green State University including Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, chair of the Department of Political Science, and Deputy Director for Research at the Center for Governmental Research and Public Service. He was the first Executive Director and Treasurer of the Southern Political Science Association, a position he held for eight years. He has been co-editor of the *American Review of Politics* and assistant managing editor of the *Journal of Politics*. In addition, Dr. Maggiotto served on the faculties of the University of South Carolina and the University of Florida.



Michael Maggiotto
Dean, College of
Science and Humanities
& Professor



Daniel Reagan
Chairperson,
Professor

Daniel Reagan is Professor of Political Science and has been at Ball State University since 1989. He received his Ph.D. from Notre Dame University. Professor Reagan teaches primarily in the areas of American politics and public policy, and his research interests center on the relations/behavior of national political institutions and, most recently, on the Congress and the media. Professor Reagan was a finalist for the University Teaching Professorship in 1994, and has served for several years as a state officer of the Indiana Conference of the American Association of University Professors. The Governor has appointed Professor Reagan to three state bodies: in 1998, to the Commission for Higher Education, in 2000 to the Community College Policy Committee, and in 2001 to the Governor's Education Roundtable.

Jennifer Ludy Grove is Instructor of Political Science and has been with the department since 1988. She earned her M.A. in Political Science at Ball State University. Ms. Grove teaches in the areas of American government and public law. She is also the faculty advisor for the Legal Studies program.



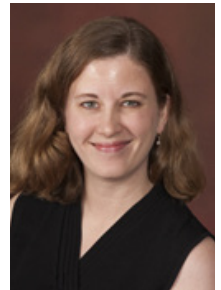
Jennifer Grove
Instructor



John Rouse
Professor

John Rouse, Professor, teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in public administration, American government and politics, and organizational theory. He holds a B.A. from Furman University, and M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Maryland, College Park. He has traveled to 42 countries. Professor Rouse has served on the Editorial Board, PS:Political Science & Politics (APSA), been an Op-ed contributor to the editorial pages of The Chicago Tribune, Christian Science Monitor, and major midwest newspapers. He was a candidate for the Muncie City Council. He has been a columnist for the Sunday Editorial page of The Muncie Star and served as the Producer-Commentator for a weekly Indiana public affairs radio-television program.

Pamela Schaal is an Assistant Professor of Political Science specializing in American Politics and Research Methods. Prior to her arrival at Ball State in 2009, Professor Schaal received her Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Notre Dame where she served as academic liaison for the Washington Program. While at Notre Dame she also held a Teaching Assistant position. Schaal went on to teach as an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Public and International Affairs at George Mason University from 2007-2008. Schaal spent two years as a Program Evaluation Analyst in the Office of the Inspector General in Washington D.C.. Her field of professional specialization lies in Congress, Public Policy, and Urban Politics.



Pamala Schall
Asst. Professor



Charles Taylor
Associate Professor

Charles Taylor teaches core courses in public management in the Master of Public Administration program at Ball State University. Prior to coming to Ball State in 2008, he spent five years at Clemson University where he was part of a team that consulted with local governments on a variety of issues. In addition to his academic experience, he worked 15 years in Missouri local government as an engineer and manager. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia in electrical engineering and his Ph.D. in policy studies from Clemson University. He is director of the Certified Public Manager® Program which offers advanced training to public sector managers around the state.

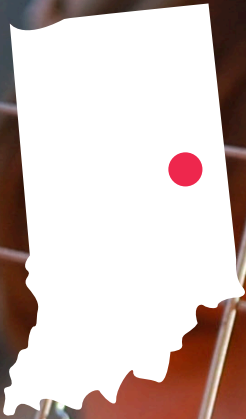
Professor Waite has been at Ball State for three years. His research interests center on emerging media and civic engagement. His recent scholarly activities include the presentation of a paper entitled "MySpace: My Politics, at the 3rd International e-Government Conference" and a book chapter entitled "Email and Electoral Fortunes: Obama's Internet Insurgency" published in Communicator-in-Chief by Lexington Books. His Ph.D. dissertation, "Online Social Networks and Civic Engagement: An Exploratory Study," examined the ways in which Facebook members use the website to reconnect with their communities and become more engaged in the democratic process.

He recently led a cross-disciplinary team of students in the development of an interactive television application designed specifically for the C-SPAN network.



Brandon Waite
Asst. Professor

Community of Muncie, Indiana



Muncie, Indiana

Muncie, in Delaware County, is located approximately sixty miles northeast of Indianapolis and is bounded by Grant and Blackford Counties on the north, Jay and Randolph Counties on the east, Henry County on the south and Madison County on the west. Conveniently located off I-69, Muncie offers a variety of entertainment, dining, culture and museums. We are known for our big city service at small town prices.

Muncie offers several opportunities for shopping at downtown businesses, the Northwest Plaza Shopping Center and the Simon Muncie Mall. Local attractions include the Minnetrista Cultural Center, the AMA National Model Aviation Museums and Flying Site, the David Owsley Museum of Art, and the Muncie Children's Museum. Those looking for outdoor recreational activities will be pleased to find the Muncie Sportsplex, as well as several parks and golf courses in the area. Additionally, outdoors enthusiasts can find excellent small mouth bass fishing on the White River and enjoy breathtaking scenery on the Cardinal Greenway, a paved trail for joggers and bicyclists that stretches more than 60 miles from Marion through Muncie to Richmond.

For Families

Public School Districts

Muncie Community Schools
Wes-Del Community Schools
Delaware Community Schools
Cowan Community Schools
Yorktown Community Schools
Burris Laboratory School
Indiana Academy
Hoosier Academy

Private Schools

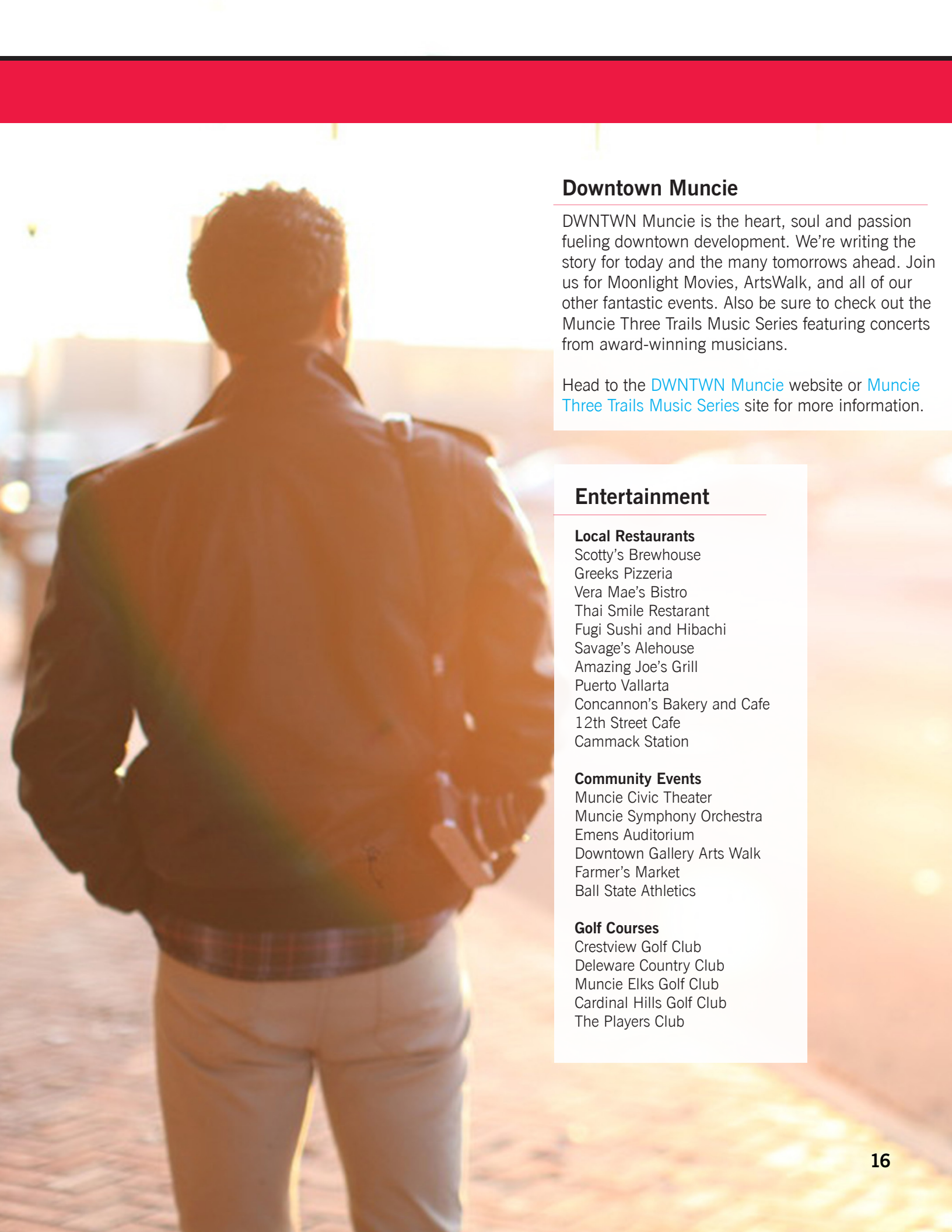
St. Lawrence School
St. Mary School
Heritage Hall Christian School
Alpha Elementary School
South Side Christian Academy

Activities and Organizations

Ball State Planetarium
Muncie Public Library
Oakhurst Gardens
Ross Center
Muncie Boys and Girls Club
Buley Center

Outdoors

Rose Park
White River Park
McCulloch Park
Christy Woods
Cardinal Greenway
Prairie Creek Reservoir



Downtown Muncie

DWNTWN Muncie is the heart, soul and passion fueling downtown development. We're writing the story for today and the many tomorrows ahead. Join us for Moonlight Movies, ArtsWalk, and all of our other fantastic events. Also be sure to check out the Muncie Three Trails Music Series featuring concerts from award-winning musicians.

Head to the [DWNTWN Muncie](#) website or [Muncie Three Trails Music Series](#) site for more information.

Entertainment

Local Restaurants

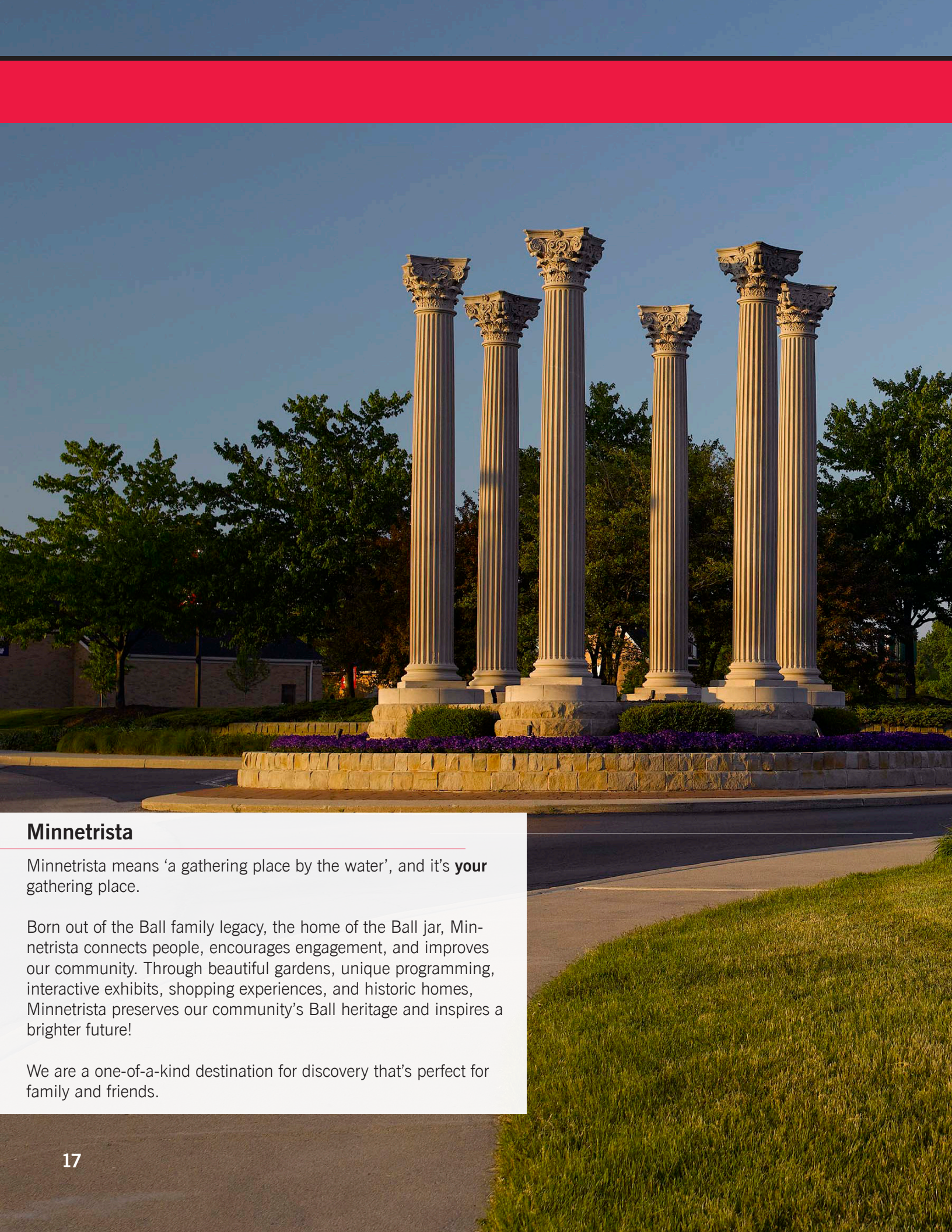
Scotty's Brewhouse
Greeks Pizzeria
Vera Mae's Bistro
Thai Smile Restarant
Fugi Sushi and Hibachi
Savage's Alehouse
Amazing Joe's Grill
Puerto Vallarta
Concannon's Bakery and Cafe
12th Street Cafe
Cammack Station

Community Events

Muncie Civic Theater
Muncie Symphony Orchestra
Emens Auditorium
Downtown Gallery Arts Walk
Farmer's Market
Ball State Athletics

Golf Courses

Crestview Golf Club
Deleware Country Club
Muncie Elks Golf Club
Cardinal Hills Golf Club
The Players Club



Minnetrista

Minnetrista means ‘a gathering place by the water’, and it’s **your** gathering place.

Born out of the Ball family legacy, the home of the Ball jar, Minnetrista connects people, encourages engagement, and improves our community. Through beautiful gardens, unique programming, interactive exhibits, shopping experiences, and historic homes, Minnetrista preserves our community’s Ball heritage and inspires a brighter future!

We are a one-of-a-kind destination for discovery that’s perfect for family and friends.

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Regional Overview

Those willing to venture a little further from town will find even more amazing destinations. Outdoor recreational activities including camping, water skiing, fishing, kayaking, target shooting, and horseback riding can be found at several state parks including the Salamonie and Mississinnewa reservoirs, both within an hour of Muncie. Those looking to take a day trip to a big city have several from which to choose.



Indianapolis Indiana

Indiana Pacers
Indianapolis Colts
Indianapolis Indians
Indiana Ice
Indianapolis Motor
Speedway

Benjamin Harrison
Presidential Site
Indianapolis Museum of Art
Indiana State Museum
Indianapolis Motor Speedway
Hall of Fame
NCAA Hall of Champions

Indiana War Memorial
Soldiers and Sailors Monument
Monument Circle
USS Indianapolis Memorial
Indianapolis Zoo
White River State Park

Cincinnati Ohio

Cincinnati Bengals
Cincinnati Reds

American Sign Museum
Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame
American Classical Music
Hall of Fame
Cincinnati Art Museum

Betts House
Carew Tower
Kings Island
Cincinnati Brewery Tours

Columbus Ohio

Columbus Blue Jackets
Columbus Crew
Columbus Clippers

Columbus Museum of Art
Early Television Museum
Jack Nicklaus Museum
Motorcycle Hall of Fame

Historic Rosco Village
Ohio Statehouse
LeVeque Tower
Columbus Brewing Company
Fort Rapids Indoor Waterpark
Resort

Chicago Illinois

Chicago Bulls
Chicago Blackhawks
Chicago Cubs
Chicago White Sox
Chicago Bears

Chicago History Museum
Chicago Cultural Center
Clarke House Museum
Chicago's Hidden Gems
The Art Institute of Chicago
Museum of Contemporary Art

Millennium Park
Cloud Gate (Chicago Bean)
Navy Pier
Grant Park
Chicago Symphony Orchestra
Harris Theatre



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