

Neighborhood and Community Services
Therapeutic Recreation Services

Summer Explorer Program

Explore Your Summer Recreation Options!

Summer Activities for Individuals with Disabilities

Elementary program, ages 5 - 12 (must have completed kindergarten)

Teens & young adults program, ages 13 - 21 (through graduation)

To be eligible, participants must have a primary physical disability such as spina bifida, cerebral palsy, or visual impairment and be a resident of Fairfax County, Falls Church City or Fairfax City.

Tuesday, July 5, through Thursday, August 11, 2011

Week 1: July 5 – July 8

Week 2: July 11 – July 15

Week 3: July 18 – July 22

Week 4: July 25 – July 29

Week 5: August 1– August 5

Week 6: August 8 – August 11

Mondays – Fridays

Program hours: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (transportation provided)

Early drop-off hours by parents/guardian: 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Registration deadline is June 8, 2011.



Program Open To:

- Children, ages 5 – 12 (age 5 must have completed kindergarten).
- Teens \ Young Adult, ages 13 – 22 (young adults graduating in June 2011 are eligible for enrollment).

Program Information:

Therapeutic Recreation Services' (TRS) summer programs are designed to provide individuals with the opportunity to engage in a variety of structured and free-choice activities which emphasize the development of leisure skills. Activities offered include sports, fitness, crafts, games, music, story telling, and special events. Community outings are offered to parks, swimming, and special events. Participants are responsible for all costs associated with the community outings. Financial assistance is available for those in need through a scholarship fund. Please call 703-324-5532, TTY 711 to request an application.

Activities Are Selected that Provide Opportunities for the Individual To:

- Increase or maintain his/her physical fitness
- Learn new leisure skills (specific to activities of interest)
- Socialize and interact with peers
- Select personal leisure choices
- Self-initiate play

Each week activities are planned and selected to complement a specific theme or special event. A schedule of activities will be provided weekly.

Staffing:

A staff to participant ratio of 1:4 is maintained to provide supervision and support to participants within a recreation environment. Accommodations are provided and include additional assistance from staff, modifications of the activities, adapted equipment, and other reasonable accommodations. TRS is unable to provide one-on-one supervision; however, every effort will be made to meet each child's needs.

Tentative Locations: Locations are subject to change.

Elementary Locations:

Cunningham Park Elementary
1001 Park St., Vienna, VA 22180

Keene Mill Elementary School
6310 Bardu Ave., Springfield, VA 22152

Teen/Young Adult Locations:

Cedar Lane Center
101 Cedar Ln. SW, Vienna, VA 22180

Irving Middle School
8100 Old Keene Mill Rd., Springfield, VA 22152

Site placement will be determined by Fairfax County Public Schools Office of Transportation Services.

Application & Enrollment:

Registrations are limited and are accepted on a first come, first served basis. Registration deadline is June 8, 2011. If your application is received after June 8 and your child has been accepted for enrollment, transportation will not be available until July 11, 2011 (Week 2) at the earliest.

The following steps need to be completed to enroll a child in summer programs sponsored by Therapeutic Recreation Services:

- Complete and submit the application and intake information form to the TRS offices. All incoming applications are dated upon receipt and are accepted for placement on a first come basis.
- Your child's application request and intake information are reviewed and eligibility for the program is verified.
- If space is available and the child meets the eligibility criteria for the program in which application is made, the child's placement will be confirmed by letter.
- If program space is not available (all slots are filled), you will be notified by letter of your child's placement on the waiting list. When space becomes available, you will be notified immediately via telephone.
- At the time enrollment is completed, you will receive: a confirmation of placement, a parent handbook of policies and procedures, and other programmatic and activity information.

Children Attending Half Days:

Although children attending full-day sessions are priority, a limited number of slots are available for children seeking half-day participation. Applicant acceptance in the half-day program is based on first come, first served. When staffing permits, additional slots may open but transportation may not be available.

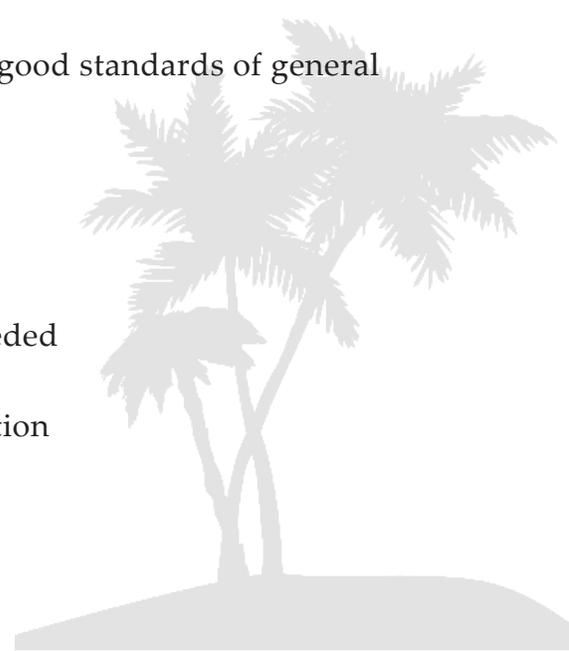
Attendance/Waiting List Policy:

Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis and are limited by approved budget allocations. After the maximum number of participants is registered, all new registrants will be placed on a waiting list. Participants who do not attend on a regular basis or miss over 3 consecutive days of the program (for reasons not medically related) may be transferred to the waiting list.

General Rules of Conduct:

- Individuals enrolled in the program are expected to maintain good standards of general conduct, which include:
- Staying with assigned group/no wandering or leaving group
- Keeping hands to self (no hitting, fighting)
- Following directions
- Participating as fully as possible
- Caring for personal belongings or requesting assistance as needed
- No biting self and/or others
- Using equipment and supplies appropriately without destruction
- Using friendly language (no abusive language, no bad words)

Every effort is made to provide reasonable accommodations.



Termination of Service/Ineligible for Services:

NCS/TRS reserves the right to deny registration or to terminate the child's participation in the program if:

- the child's actions cause injury to self, peers, or staff
- the child exhibits inappropriate behaviors which may inhibit participation in community activities
- the child engages in repetitive, aggressive, harmful, or disruptive behavior
- the child fails to follow the general rules of conduct
- the child does not meet the eligibility criteria for the program (disability and prerequisite skills).

License Requirement:

The elementary program will be licensed as a child day care center with the Virginia Department of Social Services. If your child is enrolled in the elementary program (children 12 and under) a copy of your child's School Entrance Health Form dated after August 12, 2010 must be completed and submitted with the application to ensure your child's enrollment in the program. Proof of your child's age and identity must also be presented on or before the Open House on Friday, July 1, 2011.

Fees:

A \$410.00 registration fee will be charged for the entire 6-week program; however, you may elect to pay by the week. Enclosed is the fee scale. Financial assistance is available through a scholarship fund. Please call 703-324-5532, TTY 711 to request an application.

Transportation:

Fairfax County Public Schools will be providing transportation to and from the Summer Therapeutic Recreation centers, with an estimated home pick-up between 9 and 9:50 a.m. and drop-off at the center by 10 a.m. Additionally centers will be staffed at 8:30 a.m. for parents who prefer to drop off their child early. Afternoon transportation leaves the site at 3 p.m. for an expected home drop off between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m.

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Fairfax County is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in all county programs, services and activities and will provide reasonable accommodations upon request. To request special accommodations call 703-324-4600, TTY 711. Please allow ten working days in advance of the event in order to make the necessary arrangements.

