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Rec-PAC: Offering Convenient, Affordable Summer Fun for Kids

Rec-PAC (Pretty Awesome Children) is an affordable, quality summer recreation program for Fairfax County children in first through sixth grade. Sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority, Rec-PAC is available at 48 Fairfax County elementary school locations beginning June 29 through August 6, 2015. Rec-PAC operates from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Each week features a different theme with organized cooperative games, team sports, crafts, music and a special event. Buddy the Wolf, Rec-PAC's furry mascot, visits the kids with a message about being a buddy, not a bully. The summer ends with RPS – the Rec-PAC Showcase where each site shows off their talent.

A very affordable supplement to more expensive summer camps, Rec-PAC features a sliding scale based on family income and scholarships for eligible families. At only \$120 per week or less, Rec-PAC costs about \$3.40 per hour for a fun, safe, structured recreation program. Last year more than 4,000 children registered with Rec-PAC. Unlike many camps, Rec-PAC never fills up, and eligible children can walk-in with their parents on the first day of camp to register. Young teens too old for Rec-PAC can become Counselors-In-Training (CITs) and gain valuable work experience.

This summer 17 eligible Rec-PAC locations will provide free breakfast and lunch to participants through the USDA Summer Food Service Program.

Children with disabilities can participate at all sites and six locations are designated as special inclusion sites with additional support. For more information about ADA accommodations please call 703-324-8563.

For a list of Rec-PAC sites near you and to learn more about Rec-PAC visit online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec-pac> or call 703-324-5514. Walk-in registration begins at each site on June 29.

In addition to Rec-PAC, Fairfax County Park Authority sponsors 1,400 different weeks of summer camp for children and teens of all ages in everything from sports to drama to high adventure. Look for a camp that fits your schedule at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/camps> or call 703-222-4664.

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