

CAP Director's Report 9-18-2013

Youth Center

The Youth Center is back to normal operating hours (3 pm – 6 pm) with the school back in session. The Youth Center has averaged 32 students daily so far this school year. We have also had 42 NEW kids come to the youth center in the first 2 weeks! Additionally, Jody spoke to parents at the 6th grade parent meeting and invited both 5th and 6th grade parents to tour the Youth Center after the meeting.

Seniors

The senior luncheon saw 20 people in August and September. Bingo has had 6 seniors the last two months, and the movies offered have not been attending. We are starting a new STAMP activity for the seniors instead of card playing as no one was attending.

Park

The park is closed for the season. In comparison to 2012, revenue for the park is about equal for gatehouse admissions and concession sales. However, we sold approximately 80 fewer season passes this year, possibly due to the late start to summer. We did however, have an increase of about \$800 in shelter reservations. We also tracked disc golfers and zip codes this summer. We had approximately 380 disc golfers come into the park, but this likely does not include any season pass holders as they do not stop to talk to staff at the gatehouse. The zip code tracking sheet is attached; these numbers are very approximate, they are not the total of patrons who came to the park. Some staff was better than others at keeping track.

Aquatics

The locker rooms were painted the last week of August and look great.

Swim team trials began on 9/16 and run for two weeks. The Blue Fins swim team season will begin on Monday, September 30. We are expecting about 50-60 swimmers this session.

The Masters swim program began at the beginning of September. The program now runs Monday/Wednesday/Friday instead of Tuesday/Thursday. There are currently 15 swimmers in the program.

CAP CARE

The final consultation with Youngstar went very well. They suggested a couple of areas to which we could improve but stated that we wouldn't have to change a thing if we didn't want to. The areas included putting the children's portfolios in chronological order and having all staff attend the School Age Curriculum Framework Training.

Cap Care currently has 11 – 4k students during the day and 45 students before/after school daily. We held an open house on August 29, in conjunction with the CES open house and it was very well attended. Additionally, the first Parents Night Out of the school year was successful 10 kids on Friday, September 13.

Food Pantry and Community Cafe

The Pantry continues to be busy and steady. In August, the Food Pantry weekly average was 29 Households. We also averaged 200 pounds a week of fresh produce from pantry garden that was given out to clients! Additionally, we have had about a dozen new volunteers who helped out during the past month.

The September Community Café was well attended for the first week of school – 189 attended. It was hosted by St. James Church at the Amundson Community Center.

Youth Athletics

Flag football is underway. Our numbers dipped only slightly from last year with 79 players and 13 coaches (including Chad). We anticipated them to drop with a new league starting in Lake Mills.

- Grades K/1 24 Players
- Grades 2/3 30 players
- Grades 4/5 25 Players

The CHS Football program put on a mini-camp on 9/11 and it was a huge hit with both the parents and players. A big thank you to Mike Klingbeil, Rob Nelles, and the entire program for putting this on for us!

Fall Recreation Soccer is also underway and has 55 players with 8 very busy coaches.

- U6 19 Players
- U8 20 Players
- U10 16 Players

Additionally, we have an intro to soccer program for 3-5 year olds. This class is being taught by Karly Frey and has 13 children enrolled.

We are now offering a morning session of Body FIT workout class, this new class has 13 participants enrolled. Other adult programs starting include Men's basketball, co-ed volleyball and Yoga.

Other

The Try Cambridge Tri was a great first event! We had 121 participants register and 115 complete the course. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, including 100% of survey respondents saying they would recommend it to friends and 100% saying they would return next year.

Fort Health Care hosted a Healthy Communities Summit on August 21 at Fort Health Care. Bridgette and Stephanie Nischik spoke about the wellness programs happening in Cambridge and the positive efforts to improve the health of the Cambridge Community.

Staff attended the District welcome back luncheon on Wednesday, August 21. Bridgette received a 10 year employee recognition award from the District. She also had an opportunity to welcome the staff back, thank the staff for their help with office moves and cleaning, and welcome everyone to the 10 year celebration.

A new concrete pad was poured at the NMS, under the construction stand, with the money raised during the Youth Baseball card fundraiser. The new concrete pad supports the flooring, is much safer, and will allow for a future expansion of storage area. Additionally, the drainage tile was fixed to help with water runoff. Additionally, we are working on bids for the shade structures over the dugouts at the 4 fields and netting for the Pony Field.

The 7th annual Family Health and Wellness Expo is Saturday, September 21st. We have over 20 different vendors who will be attending the event to promote all that the Cambridge community has to offer in regards to health and wellness. In conjunction with this event is the annual Fun Run. Currently there are 68 participants registered. The goal is to hit 100 participants by race day.

Respectfully submitted:
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