

## CAP Directors Report 9-23-2015

### Youth Center

The Youth Center has averaged 34 students daily already this school year. We have also had 29 new students come to the Youth Center. We have hired a new supervisor for the school year, Lindsay Goodpasture, a UW-Whitewater student, and Allie Tome has also returned.



### Seniors

Lunches:

August 13 – Bagpipe Player at Ripley Park – 20 in attendance

August 27 – Book Reading – Never Forget/Written Right Here – 20 in attendance

September 10 – Consider the Conversation presented by Rainbow Hospicecare/Fort Healthcare – 24 in attendance



### Park

Concession revenue was up about \$300 from last year. Season pass sales were also up about 30 passes or \$750 dollars over last year. Additionally, we saw nearly 1,000 more children and 2,000 more adults enter the park this year.

The bathhouse remodel project has been approved by the Executive Board, and the contract has been signed with the engineering firm to proceed. Parts of the project should begin this fall. Jody will be working closely with the project and is looking forward to it!

### Preschool Programs

First Friends has already reached maximum registration for the fall. This popular program is high in demand, so we are looking into hiring an additional staff person, allowing us to increase our attendance.

The new Music Moves Me class begins this week, and we has about 10 tot/parents registered.

## **Aquatics**

### Weekly Usage Report

- 8/7 – 8/13 = 314
- 8/14 – 8/20 = 386
- 8/21 – 8/27 = 264
- 8/28 – 9/3 = 231
- 9/4 – 9/10 = 155 (Holiday)
- 9/11 – 9/17 = 317

The first session of fall swim lessons began the week of September 14. We currently have 106 participants.

The pool is currently seeking additional staff, and needs to secure staffing in order to operate at the current level of programming. There are openings for an Aquatics Manager, lifeguards, WSI and a swim coach. If we do not secure a swim coach, we will not be able to offer the Blue Fins this season, which is scheduled to start October 5.

## **CAP CARE**

Cap Care is currently full and has a waiting list of 3 participants. We are excited to be at this point and are looking forward to providing great programming for all the kids.

Cap Care has 1 Co-Teacher position open.

Cap Care will be participating in the homecoming parade this year. The float theme is a “Minion reasons to love the Blue Jays.” All the kids are creating minion hats and signs to hold.

## **Food Pantry**

The Food Pantry served 126 households during the last month (5 Mondays). Produce continues to come in from the garden. In August 1,231 pounds of vegetables were harvested including: cabbage, broccoli, green beans, cucumbers, kohlrabi, cauliflower and tomatoes. The clients are very appreciative of the fresh produce.

Nancy attended the Jefferson County Food Pantry Coalition Meeting in August. Additionally, she assisted two families living in their vehicles find shelter in Lake Mills while CART was closed for one week.

## **Community Café**

The September Café was hosted by St. James and 182 guests were treated to spaghetti and meatballs. October will be hosted by a group of individuals from St. Pius church.

## **Youth Athletics**

Final registration numbers for flag football and fall rec soccer are 76 and 69 respectfully. On September 14 the CHS football team led by Coach Nelles and Klingbeil ran a flag football minicamp session. The night included four fun



stations and interaction with the high school football players. It is always a favorite event for everyone!

Lil Jays Running Club numbers are down; however, we are currently operating with 7 runners. The group is working towards running the Madison Turkey Trot 5k in November. Coach Johan Kaahagen is leading the group again for his second fall season.

Lil Jays Youth Basketball is already organizing and holding coaches meetings. Registration just ended for the girls, and we will be entering teams in the league at all levels grades four through 8. Girl's season will start on October 31 with practices starting the week of October 12.

### **Adult Athletics**

The Fitness Center recently added 4 new members within the last month, and also continues to retain members as we hit the one year mark. Weather is certainly a factor in the renewal rate which will look to improve as the weather declines in the coming months. Free Fitness center entries will be offered during the Week of Wellness, and we are hoping to recruit new members this way as well.

Body FIT classes have returned this fall and of the three offered two are maxed out.

### **Other Items**

The Try Cambridge Tri was held on August 23 and was a big success! We had just over 200 athletes, up from 88 the prior year. Post-race feedback has been very positive as well, with 100% of the survey respondents saying they would recommend the race to a friend!



Lesli and Bridgette attended the National Recreation and Park Congress the week of September 14. They brought home some great new ideas and look forward to implementing some things over time.

The Family Wellness Expo and Fun Run were held at Westside Park on Saturday, September 19. Our vendor attendance was up, and we were very pleased with the turnout. However, our run numbers were down which was disappointing. The weather was questionable, and there were many other events in the area going on. Jazzercise offered a free class in the park and had great attendance for it!

CAP is partnering with the Cambridge Wellness Collaborative to help offer many events during the Week of Wellness (Sept. 19 – 25), including Try it Tuesday, Bike to School, free classes and admission to the Fitness Center.

**New Hires**

Dane Blanchar, Flag Football Supervisor

Lindsay Goodpature, Youth Center Aide

Nathan Karraker, CAP CARE Assistant, Fitness Center Assistant, Youth Soccer Supervisor

Skyler Morrall, CAP CARE Assistant

Jennifer Resnick, CAP CARE Assistant

Taia Petters, Custodial

Respectfully Submitted,

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