



LRPR Summer Programs Serving Nearly 1,300 Children

Little Rock Parks & Recreation has three programs this summer to serve the youth of Little Rock. The Summer Laureate Program at Southwest Community Center is a six-week day-camp program that serves 175 children. The Summer Playground Program is an eight-week program which serves 1,080 children. The Therapeutic Recreation Summer Day Camp is a six-week therapeutic based program, serving approximately 20 participants, that emphasizes fun recreational activities for people with special needs to promote the development of motor skills, social skills, independence and other related areas.

The Summer Laureate Program operates at Southwest Community Center. The Summer Playground Program is located throughout Little Rock in seven different locations, including Dunbar Community Center, Stephens Community Center and five Little Rock School District locations.

Those schools include Brady Elementary, Geyer Springs Elementary, Romine Elementary, Terry Elementary and our Teen Camp is operating out of Forest Heights Middle School.

The Therapeutic Recreation Summer Day Camp operates from Fulbright Elementary School

The Summer Playground Program and the Therapeutic Recreation program both started on June 10, with the Summer Laureate program beginning on June 17. All programs have reached their full capacity

As a part of these programs, the participants will take a number of field trips throughout the summer, with visits to the Clinton Presidential Museum, the Museum of Discovery, the Central Arkansas Nature Center, the Mosaic Templars Cultural Center, as well as roller skating, bowling, fishing, swimming and an end-of-the-year trip to Wild River Country.

These summer programs have proven to be very popular and necessary programs for the citizens of central Arkansas.

The cost of the programs have been held very low to ensure that they are accessible to a wide population of the city. The Summer Playground Program is \$90 for one child and \$25 for each additional child within the family. The Summer Laureate Program is \$65 for one child, \$90 for two and \$100 for three. Both of these programs include breakfast and lunch each day. The Therapeutic Recreation Summer Day Camp is \$75 for the six weeks, or \$20 per week.

The goal each year is to provide a safe, fun and healthy opportunity for parents to place their children during the summer months. This program has proven to be very successful in meeting those objectives.

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About Little Rock Parks & Recreation

Little Rock Parks and Recreation oversees 59 developed parks and 12 undeveloped parks totaling over 6,100 acres. In addition, Little Rock Parks & Recreation offers a wide-range of youth and adult recreational and sports leagues, after-school and summer playground programs for children ages 6-15, outdoor recreation, therapeutic recreation and programs for seniors. For more information about Little Rock Parks & Recreation, please visit www.lrpr.org.