

Free summer program sponsored for residents

The Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department's free summer program is now in full swing until Aug. 3.

The program is open to all youngsters between the ages of six and 15. Registration is open throughout the program. Forms can be obtained at each of the neighborhood recreation centers as well as the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation department.

The program consists of athletics, craft projects, swimming and taking field trips. Twelve neighborhood recreation centers are open from 9-11:30

a.m. and 12:30-3 p.m.

The recreation centers include: Edgewood, Forest, Flanders, Gill, Highlands, Kenbrook, Lakeside, Longacre, Middlebelt, William Grace, Wooddale and Wood Creek Elementary Schools.

Each recreation center is scheduled for swimming twice a week at either Farmington or North Farmington High School. Buses will transport the children from the playground to the pool site. The fee is 75 cents for children under 18 and \$1 for adults.

A Youth Olympics Day will occur on

Tuesday, July 17. Winners from each of the 12 neighborhood centers will compete to determine the Farmington Hills champions. These winners will then compete with 100 other communities at Metropolitan Beach on July 26.

Carnival Day is slated for Aug. 1 at City Park. Children will compete in track and field events for prizes. Each recreation center will also construct a carnival booth for children.

Field trips are also planned for the Wave Pool in Waterford. Each neighborhood recreation center will be visited by the mobile recreation units from

Oakland County Parks and Recreation which includes: skatemoobile, sportsmobile, arts and crafts mobile.

The program will end with a trip to Bob-Lo Island. Cost of this trip is \$7 for children 8 to 11 years of age, and \$8 for children 12 to 15.

SPECIAL SUMMER recreation activities for the mildly to moderately handicapped (ages 6 to 18) are also planned.

Crafts, sports, swimming and field trips to Kensington Metro Park and the

Detroit Zoo are planned. Skills to be developed include eye-hand-foot coordination, endurance, self-awareness, mobility, motor skills, working with peers and cooperative relationships.

The activity will take place at Farmington High School, 32000 Shiawassee.

Participants are asked to meet in the gym. The program will take place Monday through Friday from 2-5 p.m.

The fee for each session is \$12 per participant. To register or for more information, call the recreation department at 474-6115.

Tolkien fans turn fantasy into hobby

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acters, the wizard Gandalf, is seen in different ways by different cultures. By the fun loving but practical hobbits, he is a lone old man who knows a few flashy magic tricks and can put on a great fireworks display during birthday parties.

To the slightly more esoteric and intellectual elves, the wizard is regarded as a spiritual figure.

The story line itself is a combination of pagan mythology and a Roman Catholic view of the world.

That can be traced to Tolkien's background, as can other aspects of the story.

"He was a very strict, devoted, Roman Catholic," said Mrs. Helms.

"He went right down the line."

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professor of early English history at Oxford.

Some stories were written during times of personal stress for the author.

The love story of Berian and Luthien was written and rewritten six times. It was begun in the trenches of World War I.


"It was a personal story. In a way it was the translation of the way he was feeling at the time. It was a comfort to him," said Mrs. Helms.

Many of the languages which Tolkien concocted for his book were the result of his having a lot of time to think while in the hospital during World War I. He suffered from a severe case of trench fever.

During his convalescence, he re-

membered the languages he made up as a child. Other languages combined the childhood memories with the learning of adulthood. One of the languages was an attempt at depicting the language of Britain if it had not been influenced by the French after the Norman conquest of 1066.

TOLKIEN's world has been translated into movie and cartoon versions. For devotees of Tolkien, the American Tolkien Society provides members with a magazine, the "Minas Tirith Evening Star," a newsletter and various periodicals. They compile lists of bibliographies for persons wishing to teach Tolkien classes. And they keep in print many studies of Tolkien which were completed in the 1960s.



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They are Nancy Bailey, of Farmington Hills; Donna Gee, of Farmington; Margaret Terrian of Farmington; Theresa Khami of Farmington Hills and Mary Meier of Farmington Hills.

Recipients must maintain a minimum of 10 credit hours in the fall and winter sessions. If the student maintains a B average, this scholarship will be renewed for the second year at OCC.



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