

# Farmington to stage Youth Fitness meet

The Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department will hold its fourth-annual Youth Fitness meet on Tuesday, July 17 at North Farmington High School. Competition begins at 5:45 p.m.

Young athletes from the 12 summer recreation centers in Farmington and Farmington Hills will compete in track and field events to determine the area champions. Those winners will then compete against the winners from 55 Detroit-area communities in the Metro Youth Fitness Meet on July 26 at Metro Beach near Mount Clemens.

In the local meet, boys and girls will compete in the 50-yard dash, the standing broad jump, the running broad jump, the running hop, step and jump, standing hop, step and jump, shuttle re-

lay races, softball throw and a chinning competition for boys only.

There will be four competitive classifications — Class A, 14-15 years of age; Class B, 12-13; Class C, 10-11; and Class D, 8-9. The youngest class will not compete in the Metro Youth Fitness Meet.

The program deals with more important things than winning.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for youngsters to participate in an activity that is directed toward sportsmanship and learning to participate with others," said Doug Gaynor, director of Parks and Recreation in Farmington Hills.

"Even though there is competition, it's not the type which is highly competitive. This activity is specifically for the novice."

THE PROGRAM is popular with area youngsters because the events can be practiced on a playground with little or no equipment. Since its inception four years ago, the local fitness meet has become an important part of the summer for many youngsters.

"The enthusiasm and interest of the kids in the Youth Olympics is very high this year," said Evans Bageris, playground supervisor in Farmington Hills. "The older kids apparently enjoyed participating in the event last year."

At the Metro Youth Fitness Meet, the Farmington team will be competing for the John J. Considine award, emblematic of good sportsmanship, conduct and appearance during the track and field events. Lapeer received the award in 1978.

"We will be taking a team of about 50 youngsters to the big meet at Metro park," Bageris said. "The kids know what to expect, and that should help us to achieve our goal of having a first-place finisher from the Farmington area. The competition is very tough, however, so we'll have our fingers crossed."

In case of rain next Tuesday, the local fitness meet will be held on Thursday (July 19) at the same time.

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## Tennis tournament is set

The Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department will again be sponsoring the Founder's Day Tennis Tournament, with different sections to appeal to just about any tennis player.

The tournament will be held July 26-29 at the Farmington area high school tennis courts. The approximate times are 6-9 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, and 9 a.m. until the finish on Sunday. Participants must live or work in the Farmington or Farmington Hills area.

There are three age categories and a doubles category, with two divisions in each. The novice division is for any player who has never participated in a tournament, played on a competitive

team or received a high school or college letter in tennis. The open division is open to all Farmington residents with amateur standing.

The three age categories are Junior (14 and under); Teens (18 and under); and Adult (19 and over). Competition in the Junior category will be boys' 14 and under singles and girls' 14 and under singles.

In the Teens category, competition will be in both boys' 16 and under and boys' 18 and under singles, and girls' 16 and under singles. The Adults category will feature a Men's 19-29 singles, Men's 30 and over singles, and women's 19 and over singles.

The Doubles category will have three

sections: mixed, men's and women's.

Each category will have both open and novice divisions.

Entry fees are \$2.50 for the Junior level; \$3 for the Teen level; \$4 for Adult competition; and \$5 per team in doubles.

Awards will be presented to the top two finishers in each category for both the novice and open divisions.

Entry deadline is July 16. They must be made in person at the Parks and Recreation office, 31555 Eleven Mile Road. No phone or mail entries will be accepted.

For further information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 474-6115.



The long jump is just one of the events in Farmington's fourth annual Youth Fitness meet.

## Bicycle motocross is gaining in popularity across the nation

Last year 30 kids participated in the inaugural event.

Tires spun and skidded, spraying dirt behind the riders as they sped through the course, up and down hills, over jumps and across mudholes.

It was the first Bicycle Motocross, sponsored by the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation department.

The second Motocross, now an annual event, will take place at the Civic Center site on Walnut Lake Road, 13 1/2 miles west of Orchard Lake Road, Friday at 7 p.m. Registration fee is \$2.50, and participants must pre-register by Thursday at 5 p.m.

"So far as I know, there is no other organized one-time competitive event such as this in the West Bloomfield area," said Chuck Proulx, the race director. "We planned to give West Bloomfield kids a chance to compete close to home, but we're inviting other youngsters to join the fun, too."

Proulx feels that the Civic Center site is ideal for the event. The course of dirt, hills, mud and jumps is estimated

to be 80 percent downhill, with a steep downhill start and a finish on the flat. The course will be groomed, according to Proulx's plans, so that four riders can be run in a heat.

All competitors must wear safety gear, consisting of helmet, plastic support cup, full arm and leg coverage, mouth guard and gloves. All bikes must pass safety inspection before the race.

THE COMPETITION WILL be divided into four age groups: 7- and 8-year-olds, 9- and 10-year-olds, 11- and 12-year-olds, and 13- and 14-year-olds. Trophies will be awarded to all first-, second- and third-place finishers.

"I think the sport of motocross is growing by 30 to 40 percent each year, with races cropping up all over Michigan now," said Gary Watson of Bike and Sport in Pontiac. "It encompasses almost every 6- to 15-year-old who rides a bike at this point, although, of course, probably only about 10 percent of them are into competition."

According to Proulx, the motocross

program is a sport spreading all over the country.

"Judging by the success of Oakland County Parks and Recreation's motocross program, in which 100-150 kids race each Saturday morning, the sport is growing in popularity in our country," Proulx said.

Randy Martin of the Bicycle Hut, in Farmington, will be doing the pre-race bicycle inspection. Martin feels that motocross is an outgrowth of the motorcycle events which race on the same type of course. He estimates that the National Bicycle Association-sponsored motocross race in East Lansing draws about 300-400 competitors every other week.

All participants in the West Bloomfield Motocross must check-in and practice from 5-30 until 6 p.m. on July 20. The event is for 20-inch bikes. It is open to youths from all areas.

For further information call the Parks and Recreation office at 661-2240.

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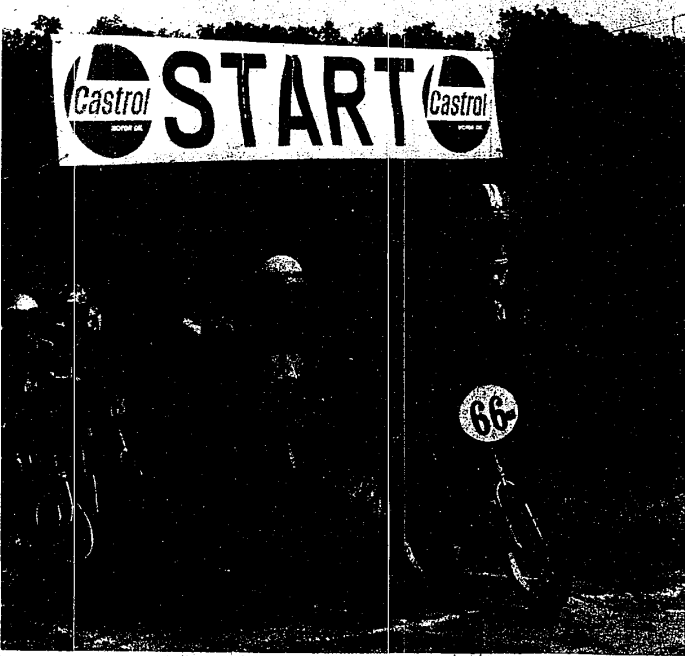
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The start of last year's Bicycle Motocross, the first time it was held in West Bloomfield.