

Leisure learning is key for spring activities

Just a week remains for pre-registration for spring leisure classes offered by the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department.

The six-week program for children, teens and adults begins the week of April 21, with pre-registration required by April 18.

New courses include cake decorating for kids, candy-making, pom-pom, collage-making, kite-flying, still life drawing, preschool ballet and advanced ballet.

The classes will be at Eagle Elementary School, Fourteen Mile and Middlebelt; Gill Elementary School, Gill south of Nine Mile; Forest Elementary School, west of Farmington Road between Thirteen Mile and Fourteen Mile; and the Shiloh Recreation Center, on Shiloh between Nine Mile and Orchard Lake roads.

Class sizes are limited, so pre-registration is suggested. Registrations will also be accepted at the first meeting of class if openings are available.

Register at the Parks and Recreation office, 3155 Eleven Mile, in the Farmington Hills city hall complex, or register by mail. Youth classes include:

- A Time For Me — an hour of stories, art, songs and games for 3- to 5-year-olds.

- Creative Crafts — an introduction to many forms of arts and crafts such as painting, drawing, yarn pictures and more.

- Fun-nastics — a combination of gymnastics and tumbling skills for grades kindergarten through second grade.

- Mime — the art of pantomime using games, expressions and silent stories.

- Cake Decorating For Kids — how to decorate cakes, cookies and cup cakes for special events and just for fun.

- Stunts And Tumbling — a combination of gymnastics and tumbling skills for the beginner and intermediate students.

- Cheerleading — the basics of cheers and movements, for future cheerleaders and just for fun.

- Candy-making — how to make soft and hard candy, for the sweet tooth.

- Pom-Pom — basic moves and dance routines using pom-poms.

- Drawing — learn the basics of drawing and sketching, including shading, perspective, color and design.

- Collage-making — art pieces are formed by pasting various materials such as flowers, pieces of material, magazine pictures and photos onto flat surfaces.

- Let's Go Fly a Kite — what makes a kite fly and how to build one.

- Clay Modeling — masterpieces with permanently pliable clay.

- Still Life Drawing — how to draw still life from a different perspective each week.

- Paper Mache — creative art projects with balloons, wheat paste and newspaper strips.

- Preschool Ballet — the fundamentals of ballet and creative movements, with music.

- Ballet — fundamental dance movements to music.

- Ballet II — a continuation ballet class to further develop dancing skills.

- Jazz — the modern form of dance.

- Dance — the basics of several forms of dancing (ballet, jazz, modern and disco), to find which one is for you.

- All youth classes cost \$6.

- Teen and adult classes include:

- Drawing 1, 2, 3 — the basics of drawing and sketching including shading, perspective, color and design.

- Stained Glass — an introductory class with instructions in the fundamentals of design and working with glass.

- Still Life Drawing — the basics of drawing and water color painting through use of still life.

- Sminastics — exercises set to music: join in and shape up.

- Ballet — dance as great exercise.

- Disco — easy basic steps and much more.

- Dance of Today — brush-up lessons for those who haven't danced in a while, to help regain confidence on the dance floor.

- These classes cost \$8.

- In addition, the Farmington Hills Okinawa Karate Club will hold classes at Shiloh Recreation Center. Fee is \$15 a month (12 class sessions).

- The Farmington Full Orchestra will offer area students a chance to play with a large ensemble. It's open to all 5th and 6th grade students who have had at least six months of instrumental music instruction; cost is \$10 for eight weeks.

- For more information about classes, call the recreation department at 474-6115.

Tour YMCA next week

Everyone's invited to come tour the new Farmington Area Family YMCA next week.

Family and health club memberships are still for sale at the 'Y', located on Farmington Road just north of Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

The 38,000-square-foot building which opened April 1 boasts an Olympic size swimming pool, saunas, whirlpool, and courts for handball, racquetball and paddleball.

There's a 77-by-92 gymnasium with room for two volleyball courts and six glass backboards for basketball. A running track surrounds the gym's second floor.

It will be open for viewing on Thursday and Friday, April 17 and 18, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, April 19 and 20, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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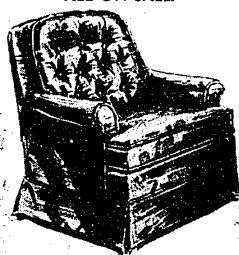
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