

Time to line up and register for sport camps

The Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department offers a series of organized summer sports and activities for youngsters in the Farmington-Hills area.

Residents of the two cities or of outlying areas included in the school district are eligible to sign up for activities. Parents must accompany their children to the first class. Proof of residency is required for registration.

Registration will be accepted by mail or in person at the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department, 31555 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. The department won't guarantee enrollment in limited activities. If the class is filled, registrants will be notified.

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Waiting lists will be formed when programs are filled and attempts will be made to accommodate persons on the lists.

Refunds won't be given after the second class meeting. A \$2 administrative fee will be withheld on all refunds unless class is cancelled by the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department.

In case of sickness, refunds will be given on a prorated basis if the program has begun. Apply for a refund in person at the parks and recreation office. Participants must have their program registration receipt unless they mailed in their registration.

REFUNDS will take about three

weeks to process. In case of cancellation by the parks and recreation department, all registrants will receive full refunds.

To pay for activities, make checks payable to Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation. A \$2 additional fee will be assessed for non-residents.

The following organized activities for youngsters are planned for this summer:

Therapeutic recreation will be available for mildly to moderately handicapped youth from 6 to 17. The program includes activities in the gym and swimming pool as well as crafts and field trips.

The activities will develop skills in eye-hand-foot coordination, endurance, mobility, self awareness, motor skills, keeping score, visual pursuit, listening skills, working with other and following the rules.

The junior program for ages 6-11 will be from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with field trips from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Fridays. The program for older youngsters will be at Farmington High School.

There are three sessions of these programs. They are scheduled for the following dates: June 23-July 3 (nine days) for \$16.20; July 7-18, for \$18; July 21-Aug. 1 for \$18.

Boys and girls from 12 to 16 can join a sports camp which will introduce them to 10 of the following sports: archery, badminton, basketball, floor hockey, Frisbee, football, instructional handball, pillow polo, new games, table tennis, softball and volleyball. There is a \$20 fee for a five-day session. The shorter session is \$15 per participant. A camp T-shirt will be given to each participant.

The following dates are earmarked for the camp's sessions, which run from 1-4 p.m.: June 30-July 3; July 7-11; July 14-18; July 21-25; July 28-Aug. 1 at the Shiawassee Recreation Center, 30415 Shiawassee between Orchard Lake Road and 9 Mile.

Girls have the opportunity of participating in a volleyball camp. There are beginners and advanced levels which cover such techniques as attacking,

blocking, ball handling, spike and serve reception, team offense and defense, rules and drills.

PLAYERS should come dressed in shorts, shirts and tennis shoes. Knee pads are suggested.

Each session runs for 1-1 1/2 hours a day, five days a week for one week. Participants should be entering seventh through 12th grade. There is a \$16 fee.

The beginners classes are offered at

the following times: from 10:30 a.m.-noon July 14-18 and at the same time July 21-25.

Advanced classes will be from 10:30 a.m. July 14-18 and 21-25.

Advanced and beginners classes are at Shiawassee Recreation Center, 30415 Shiawassee between 9 Mile and Orchard Lake Road.

Advanced classes are for players with at least two years of volleyball experience. Registration deadline is July 7.

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Summer means tennis time for residents

Summertime is tennis time for some adults and the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department sponsor courts, lessons and clinics.

Open courts may be used on a drop-in basis for one hour at a time. Reservations may be made for court time during the week and weekends from June 2-Aug. 31. Reservations are for one hour each beginning on the hour. They may be made one week in advance. There is a 50 cents per court reservation charge.

To request reservations, call the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation department between 9 a.m. and noon Monday through Friday at 474-6115, extension 290. Rain checks will be issued if necessary. Regulars must be picked up during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. before going to the court. Only Farmington area residents

older than 13 may make a reservation. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult after 4 p.m. Limit one reservation per family per day.

Lessons are available for \$15 per person or \$12 per person if more than one family member enrolls. Classes will meet twice each week for 50-minute sessions for four weeks at Farmington and Harrison High Schools.

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD provide their own tennis racquet, athletic shoes and a can of new tennis balls. In case of bad weather, all classes will be made up on Fridays. There is an eight-person limit to class size.

Sessions dates are: June 16-July 10; July 14-Aug. 7.

Children's classes are scheduled for 9:50 a.m. and from 1:50 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at Farmington High School on Shiawassee near Orchard Lake Road.

Another series of children's tennis classes will be offered from 10:40-50 a.m. and from 2:25-50 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at Harrison High School, 12 Mile near Orchard Lake Road.

Ten classes will be offered from 10:40-50 a.m., 2:25-50 p.m. and 5:50-7:00 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday in Farmington High School.

They will be offered also from 8:30 a.m.; 1:15-50 p.m., 5:50-7:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at Harrison High School.

Adult classes are slated for 8:30 a.m.; 11:15-50 a.m., 6:50-7:00 p.m., 8:30-9:00 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday at Farmington High School.

The classes are also offered from 9:50 a.m.; 11:15-50 a.m.; 6:50-7:00 p.m.; 7:30-8:50 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday in Harrison High School.

Tennis clinics will be sponsored by the department in the three area high schools. Beginners of all ages are welcome to attend.

PLAYERS SHOULD bring a tennis racquet, balls and athletic shoes if they have them. Equipment will be available on a limited basis. Pre-registration for the clinics is mandatory. For information call Parks and Rec at 474-6115.

Children and teens clinics will be conducted at 1-3 p.m. June 20 in North Farmington High School; 1-3 p.m. June 27 at Farmington High School at from 9-11 a.m. July 11 at Harrison High School. Fee is \$3.

Adult clinics are scheduled for 9-11 a.m. June 20 at Harrison High School; 9-11 a.m. June 27 at North Farmington High School and from 1-3 p.m. July 11 at Farmington High School.

Why dads are special

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"We're not reading books every day that tell us how to raise kids," he added.

Discipline is important to Becker, but he avoids corporal punishment. Instead, he prefers to separate misbehaving children from the activities they enjoy most.

"I feel strongly the kids should be given a sense of dignity," Becker said. "I'd like to think we exert reason and authority."

The Beckers moved into their modest Elizabeth Street home nearly two years ago. They chose the community because of its neighborhood schools and high educational standards.

Recently, Becker has been involved in a neighborhood effort to curb excess traffic on his street. As the cars whizzed by his home in an endless stream, he said his community efforts stem primarily from his concern for

the safety of neighborhood children. All but Daniel sleep in beds Becker crafted himself. Part of Father's Day was spent finishing the picnic table Becker's been working on for several days.

"WE JUST TRY to give the boys a good feeling of security in their home," Becker said. "I think we share as much as we can."

But he isn't interested in raising carbon copies of himself. "I don't want to mold them in my image," Becker said. "I just want them to be happy and productive in a way that they think is valuable."

Becker wanted a new camera lens this Father's Day, but he was thrilled with the construction-paper cards his sons made.

"I really enjoy the things they make," he said. "It's just a lot of fun to have such neat people in the house with me."

Older graduates pleased

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"We all missed a lot by missing out on activities," agreed Mrs. Yettaw. "Now with the parties and the ring, we can go through the fun part."

The "fun part" is still a year away for Thelma Artip, 28, of Farmington Hills. Ms. Artip left school 12 years ago during her junior year. She married shortly after turning 17.

"When I was in school, I didn't want to learn. I just didn't care. I was married young. Now I'm just doing it for me. I'm not doing it for anybody else."

She doubts if she'll use her diploma to gain a promotion or a better job. For

her, the important event is gaining the diploma itself.

When she returned to school this year, she was nervous and doubtful about the endeavor.

"MY DAD said I was nuts. My mom was glad. But my brothers still think it's a waste of time."

"But it's a lot more relaxing (in adult classes) I think. I'm not competing. If I raise something in class, I can go to anybody in the room for help."

The comradery and anticipation of the students was summoned by Mrs. Yettaw. "I'm really going to be proud."

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