

Water wonderland sports offered by recreation force

Swimming, sailing and fishing are open to Farmington area residents this summer through the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department. Recreational open swim will be conducted from June 23 to July 31 at Farmington and North Farmington High Schools. The pools will be closed July 10 for a special event. Farmington and North Farmington pools will be open from 12:30 p.m. and from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. North Farmington will open its pool from 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays. The Farmington High School pool will open from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays.

Admission for children and teens is 50 cents and 75 cents for adults 18 and older. There is a book of 10 tickets for open swim available at the cost of eight admissions. Children's ticket book is \$4; adults, \$6. The books can be purchased at the parks and recreation office, 31555 11 Mile or at the pools. For persons who like to have a boat between themselves and the water, the department offers a six-hour course in canoeing. The course is designed to provide participants with intermediate and advanced canoeing techniques. White water techniques will be introduced.

Equipment, including canoes, life jackets and paddles will be furnished. Minimum age is 10. LESSONS ARE scheduled for 7-9 p.m., July 9, 16 and 23. There is a \$20 fee. White water rafting will be the focus of a weekend in the rapids of New River in Hico, W.Va. Registration is limited for the trip scheduled for the weekend of Aug. 29-31. Persons 14 and older will be assessed a \$45 fee for the raft trip alone. For the raft trip plus campsite for two nights is \$50 per person. A \$25 deposit is required upon registration and the balance is due 50 days before the trip on the final registration date of July 11. Travelers must provide their own transportation, overnight accommodations and meals. Campsite with hot showers and recreation area may be reserved near the rafting area. If other accommodations are preferred, call the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department at 474-6115 for further information. If enough are interested, a car pool may be arranged. Beginning and intermediate sailing is the subject of another water-oriented program of the parks and recreation department. This class enables students to gain basic sailing knowledge in the theory and practice of the sport. Safety is stressed. The course uses 16- to 29-foot sailboats for instruction. Upon successful completion of the

course, students are issued a basic sailing certification by the American Red Cross. STUDENTS MUST BE at least 12 years old. Intermediate students must have completed the beginning course and received their American Red Cross card. There is a \$53 fee for the six-week course. The basic sailing manual is \$1 and can be purchased during the first class. Refunds are granted only before the first class meeting. Classes meet at Bloomfield Beach and Boat facility, 4200 Cass-Elizabeth Lake Road, Waterford Township. Registration for the classes remains open until the Wednesday before the first meeting.

INTERMEDIATE CLASSES ARE scheduled as follows for the first session of classes: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. beginning June 23; 4-7 p.m. beginning June 24; 4-7 p.m. beginning June 26. The second session has intermediate sailing slated for these times: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. beginning July 28; 4-7 p.m. beginning July 29 and July 31. Instructors are certified by the American Red Cross. There will be four students and one instructor of each boat. Class meets rain or shine. Jeans and tennis shoes should be worn. For boys and girls who'd rather fish than sail, the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department sponsor a

fishing derby at the water hole behind Oakland Community College. Serious fishing lasts from 8 a.m. to noon June 21 on the Orchard Ridge campus, Farmington Road south of 12 Mile. There is a \$2 fee per participant. Pre-registration is required. Judging begins at noon for the following contests, largest fish, fastest lake, most original fishing hat and most accurate caster. Participants can bring their own rods but there will be some fishing rods available for rent.

For further information on the programs call the parks and recreation department at 474-6115.

Spree offers fun, food June 17-22

The Livonia Anniversary Committee is hoping for good weather June 17-22. With sunny skies, the committee expects 100,000 people to attend the city's annual country fair-type celebration, called Spree.

The sponsors call Spree second only to the state fair among Michigan fairs. This year's event is called Spree 30, although there have only been eight other such festivals. The number refers to the city of Livonia's founding in 1950. This year's communitywide birthday celebration will be marked by some 20 carnival rides, 30 food concessions featuring a wide range of ethnic choices and games booths operated by local community groups. Also planned are special events like boxing matches, a male beauty contest, music, contests, magic shows and a giant fireworks display to end the festivities. The Livonia Anniversary Committee, a non-profit corporation, technically runs Spree, but all the hot dogs are cooked and much of the other legwork done by members of some 30 civic groups. Also included at the carnival is a weekend arts and crafts show, expected to draw about 200 exhibitors, and a weekend beer hall, open 6 p.m. to midnight June 20 and 6 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. June 21.

As in past years, the festival will be concentrated at Ford Field. The field is on the west side of Farmington at Lyndon. Lyndon is mid-way between Schoolcraft and Five Mile.

BUT SOME events, notably the arts and crafts festival and the boxing tournament, will be elsewhere. The festival will be noon to June 21-22, at Civic Center Park, up the street about a half-mile from Ford Field on Five Mile just east of Farmington. A shuttle bus will run between the sites 6 p.m. to midnight June 19-20, and 1 p.m.-1 a.m. June 21-22.

The boxing competition will be 8 p.m. June 17 in the Eddie Edgar Arena adjacent to Ford Field. Nightly baseball and softball games will be played at Ford Field. Balloon demonstrations will be featured at 7 p.m. each evening.

Sunday, June 22, is Family Day, which includes a pogo contest a noon, a bubble gum contest at 12:30 p.m., an egg toss at 4 p.m., games for 2-4 year olds at 1 p.m., 5-8 year olds 1:15 p.m., 9-12 year olds at 2 p.m., 13-15 year olds at 2:30 p.m. and those 16 and up at 3 p.m.

Out-of-door services will be conducted June 22, with a Catholic Mass at 8:30 a.m. and a Protestant service at 10 a.m.

The following is a schedule of the first session of beginners classes: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. 4-7 p.m.; 6-9 p.m. Mondays beginning June 23; 4-7 p.m. Tuesdays beginning June 24; 4-7 p.m. Wednesdays beginning June 25; 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 4-7 p.m., 6-9 p.m. Thursdays beginning June 26; 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sundays beginning June 29. The following are the beginners class schedule for the second six-week session: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; 4-7 p.m.; 6-9 p.m. beginning July 28; 4-7 p.m. beginning July 29; 4-7 p.m. beginning July 30; 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 4-7 p.m.; 6-9 p.m. beginning July 31; 9:30-10:30 a.m. beginning Aug. 3.

Learning programs ready for students

Registration for individualized learning will be on June 18, 19 and 20 at Middlebelt School, from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m.

This program provides second through sixth graders learning opportunities for enrichment and improvement. Classes offered are reading,

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