

Young GOP goes to camp

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Even though some young Republicans don't know how they differ from Democrats, they'll still get a chance to become future leaders of the party.

The Republican Committee of Oakland County is helping to send 30 youngsters to a four-day leadership training camp at Higgins Lake Tuesday through Friday, June 21-24.

"The focus of the camp is to develop leadership skills in individuals and teach them how to get the best people to work for them," said Robert Anderson, executive director of the Republican Committee.

"It's a very practical program. We'll have a day on role-model playing, we'll work on building the perfect society, and we hope they'll learn why the government runs the way it does."

"We use college-level materials from Oakland University and the University of Michigan," Anderson added.

FOR THE PAST month, the Republican youth have been hosting fund-raisers to help subsidize some of the camp costs. It will cost campers \$35 for four days,

including transportation, food and lodging. Persons interested should contact Anderson at 646-8414.

The camp is not politically oriented, but an opportunity where the committee can give the youngsters an education as a gratuity for their efforts during the year.

"Last year we had a small, one-day session with 18 students. The theme was 'team building.' We had 30 mini-sessions with a program where they had to cooperate as an entire team. They were very excited about the program," Anderson recalled.

PARTICIPANTS need not be members of the Republican Committee but be willing to get involved in the party. Young Republicans active on the committee range in age from 13 to 20, he said.

Most become involved for social reasons, Anderson said.

"It's a lot of fun. It's a chance for the students in the area to meet others. They like meeting the politicians, and it's an opportunity for them to get out of the house," he added.

Anderson admitted that politics loses its charm to those who are constantly around politicians. But the youngsters are still in awe with the "glamour."



"The kids are so excited to meet the politicians and work on their campaigns. We had about 30 kids extremely involved in the (Phil) Ruppe (for U.S. Senate) and (Richard) Radeff (for governor) campaigns, and they'd come together over here and sometimes have disagreements about the candidates."

"Sometimes you can see the strains caused by it, but it creates a lot of questions," he added.

Parks passbook for sale

A summer Fun Passbook is now available at Oakland County parks and golf courses.

Offered for the first time, the booklet contains tickets permitting admittance to dozens of activities including golf, swimming at the Wave Action pool, tennis, boating, camping, rides on the Slidewinder water slide and shuffleboard.

For \$20, park users will receive a passbook containing more than 35 coupons good for three rounds of golf, two one-day vehicle passes, three hours of platform tennis, two buckets of balls at the driving range, six rides on the Rampage Water Coaster and more.

The total value of the combined coupons is \$80.

ACCORDING TO Oakland County Parks manager R. Eric Reickel, the Summer Fun Passbook is designed to encourage increased use of the parks and to introduce more people to the variety of activ-

ities and programs offered throughout the nine-park system.

The passbooks are available at the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission administrative offices at 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Pontiac, and all of the golf courses and parks (except Orion Oaks).

The parks include Addison Oaks at 1460 W. Romeo, Addison Township, near Oxford; Glen Oaks on 30500 13 Mile, Farmington Hills; Groveland Oaks on Grange Hall Road at Dixie Highway in Holly; Independence Oaks on Sahabaw Road near Clarkston; Red Oaks Golf Course and Driving Range on John R near 13 Mile in Madison Heights; Springfield Oaks on Andersonville Road near Hall Road in Davisburg; Waterford Oaks on Watkins Lake Road in Pontiac; and White Lake Oaks on South Williams Lake Road near Pontiac.

For more information, phone the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission at 858-0906.



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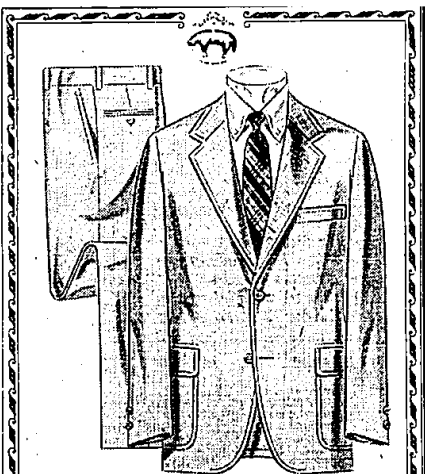
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