

# Parks gear for summer

## outdoors

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With warm weather upon us, it's time to get into the swing of summer activities.

The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission is planning a big weekend June 3-5 called, "Life. Be in it." There will be a balloon safari, water ski show, Hawaiian luau, golf tournaments and souvenirs.

The weekend begins Friday, June 3, from 7:30-10 p.m. with a Hawaiian luau for mentally impaired persons age 12 and over at the Waterford Oaks County Park on Watkins Lake Road near Pontiac.

On Saturday, June 4, there will be a balloon send off from Addison Oaks County Park on West Romeo in Addison Township at 1 p.m. Persons from the farthest distances returning postcards attached to the balloons will receive souvenirs.

Croveland Oaks hosts a water ski show Saturday, June 4, performed by the Silver Lake Ski Club on Stewart Lake from noon to 5 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by a bluegrass band and the Oakland County Parks mobile recreation units.

There will also be golf events, including a close-to-the-pin contest at Glen Oaks on 13 Mile Road in Farmington Hills and a target contest at Red Oaks Driving Range on John R in Madison Heights.

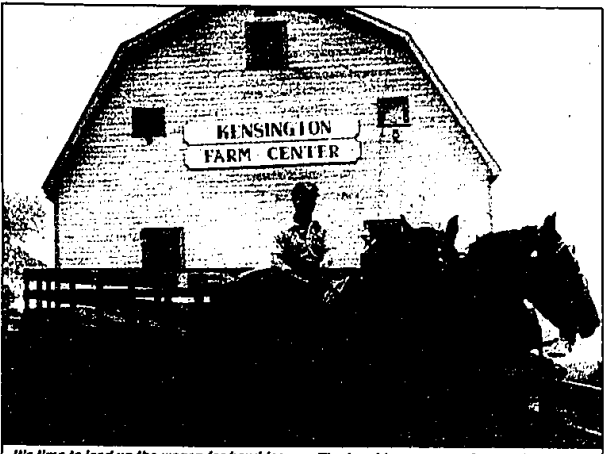
At the Waterford Oaks BMX track on Saturday morning, the first 200 registrants will receive a complimentary "Life Be in it" mug.

Twilight swimmers at the Wave Pool will receive a free "Slide-a-way" water slide ticket on Saturday.

KENSINGTON METROPARK near Milford and Brighton is hosting a Super Day, Saturday, June 4, in conjunction with "Life Be in it."

The events are listed below:

- All you Can Eat Breakfast from 7-10 a.m. at the Farm Center Restaurant. The cost is \$3.25 for adults and \$1.75 for children under 12.
- Farm Stores from 8 a.m., where persons will assist the Farm Center staff in morning tasks. Meet at the Farm Center.
- Nature bike tour at 9:30 a.m. A 1 1/2 hour ride for persons with their own bikes. Meet at the nature center.
- Wildflower walk at 10 a.m. A naturalist-conducted nature walk, featuring spring flowers and early summer blossoms. Meet at the nature center.
- Cheese making at 11 a.m. will be at Farm Center.
- Hayrides from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. One-half hour rides for families and individuals. The charges are \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens. Meet at the Farm Center Country Store.
- Refreshments will be sold at noon at the Farm Center Country Store.
- From Sheep to Sweater, a demonstration of how wool is converted to clothing will be given from 1-3 p.m. in the Farm Center.
- Nature craft demonstration at 1 p.m. will be held in the Nature Center.
- Nature hike at 2 p.m. will provide a tour of the nature center area with a view of plant and animals that live in the unique setting.
- Rest or recreation program will be held from 4-7 p.m. so persons may enjoy the bike-hike trails, swimming beaches, picnic areas, golf course and boat rentals.
- Island Queen nature cruise begins at 7 p.m. where park naturalists will accompany persons aboard the boat to explain park wildlife on the tour of Kent Lake. The cost is \$2 per person. Meet at the boat rental dock at 7 p.m.
- Campfire program at 8 p.m. at the farm center will feature a sing-along, story telling and other campfire activities.



It's time to load up the wagon for hayrides offered at the Kensington Farm Center from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 4.

The hayrides are one of several activities planned for Kensington's Super Day.

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