

Camps offer summer fun for local kids

A VARIETY of day camps in Farmington Hills Heritage Park are giving kids age 3 through 10 a chance to experience games, crafts and nature activities this summer.

The youngsters can attend Camp Wee-Wonna, Camp Com-On-A-Wonna, Camp All-U-Wonna or Nature's Way Day Camp, depending on their age group.

The camps began earlier this month and will last through the middle of August.

The camps are sponsored by the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services, which handles parks and recreation activities for the city.

The day camps allow children to explore the 211 acres of Heritage Park, north of 10 Mile on Farmington Road.

There, they can learn about hiking, plant and animal life, and the insects and geology of the area.

Crafts and other traditional camp activities are also included in the camp agenda.

Summer-time fun



A group of day campers plays one of the many games at Camp-Come-On-A-Wonna. The object of this action word game is to spell SPUD, letter-by-letter, as each child gets a turn.



Farmington Hills resident Andrew Novak, 5, draws on the banner for Camp-All-U-Wonna with counselor Kris Kashabosky, also of Farmington Hills.

Photos by Sharon LeMieux

Chief issues warning about illegal fireworks

The following information is provided by the Farmington Department of Public Safety, which incorporates both fire and police protection for residents of the city of Farmington. Residents of businesses with questions, concerns or additional information should contact the department at 473-7292.



ILLEGAL FIREWORKS

As the Fourth of July holiday approaches, Farmington Fire Marshal Joe Schonack reminds residents that fireworks in the state of Michigan are illegal.

"Anything that makes a loud noise or shoots into the air is illegal," he said. "Public safety officers in the city of Farmington will be enforcing the state law regarding this violations."

The Michigan Penal Code prohibits the sale, possession or transportation of any fireworks, including "any device made from explosive or flammable compositions, used primarily for the purpose of producing a visible display or audible effect, or both, by combustion, deflagration or detonation."

The only devices legal in the state are toy smoke devices, toy caps with up to .25 grains of explosive mixture, toy trick noise makers, sparklers, smoke candles and hand signals, and similar devices.

Residents with questions should contact the fire marshal.

GOAL REACHED

Farmington has reached its goal of signing up more than 100 neighborhoods for the city's Neighborhood Watch Program, in which residents act as the eyes and ears for police.

Commander Chuck Lee, who coordinates the program for the department, said the Neighborhood Watch program has helped in that "we have only had seven residential burglaries citywide thus far this year."

The city has signed up 101 blocks since the program was launched in 1983. "Now that we have met this goal, we want to get all the remaining city blocks certified," Lee said. Certification into the program requires that 50 percent of a block's residents attend one meeting at city hall, usually held in the evening. Blocks are then organized under a block captain. Any resident interested in signing up their neighborhood or street should contact Lee.

October slated as local Drug Awareness Month

While "Drug Free T-Shirt 1989" is just a memory to some, to others it was just the beginning of what's planned to be an annual month-long drug awareness event.

Farmington Families In Action is already making plans for the October 1990 Drug Awareness Month.

Supporters include Farmington Public Schools, Farmington and Farmington Hills and the Farmington Hills Department of Public Safety, Farmington Hills Police Department and Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce.

The second annual kickoff breakfast will take place Wednesday, Oct. 24, at Mercy Center in Farmington Hills. Religious observance day will be Sunday, Oct. 7. A Family Day afternoon workshop will be Sunday, Oct. 14.

A "rap-up" family celebration is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 27. It will include a walk-run. The annual red ribbon campaign

will reach new heights as plans to "wrap" the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills in red ribbons unfold.

THE RED ribbon has come to symbolize drug and alcohol awareness and a commitment to a drug-free community.

Farmington and Farmington Hills businesspersons may pledge support of the red ribbon campaign by displaying a red ribbon in their place of business during October.

Last year, it appeared that the holidays arrived two months early when red ribbons adorned the front doors, windows and lampposts of local businesses. Schools and city buildings also displayed red ribbons.

Ribbons are still spotted attached to car antennas and mirrors in and around Farmington.

Interested businesspersons may call Nancy Kring at 553-0811.

THE DRUG-FREE T-shirts sporting the message, "Say Yes To Life-No To Drugs," are seen throughout the area on kids of all sizes and ages. Some have taken on a new form, such as a "crop top" for hot summer days or an autograph shirt to help remember classmates of the 1989-90 school year.

This July, two popular Farmington events will again encourage students to wear their T-shirts or another T-shirt with a positive drug message.

At Kids Day at Farmington City Park Tuesday, July 10, kids who wear their "Say Yes To Life-No To Drugs" T-shirt, or a T-shirt with a positive drug message, will be eligible for a free item.

For the Farmington/Farmington Hills Founders Festival parade Saturday, July 14, FFTA will have a float that will let students, wearing their T-shirts, walk along. To participate in the parade, call Sue Doleah at 474-8815.

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