



Helping hand: Oakland County Parks employee Cara Gorman (left) helps Scott Scaggs, 11, with his climbers hat. At left, Charles Sprewell, 8, scales the county's climbing wall.

Wall makes kids hit the heights

Parents often complain their kids have them climbing the walls in the summertime. Oakland County Parks and Recreation, however, turned the tables and has kids climbing the wall.

The county climbing wall, akin to a treadmill turned on its side, has been making the rounds of county communities this summer and was at the Southfield Civic Center last week. The wall gives youngsters a good workout. Youngsters had three minutes to scale the wall, though not all stayed on that long.

OCC offers safety camp

They call it "Camp 911," a free day camp for kids aged 10-13 who want to learn about emergency medical training.

Sponsored by Oakland Community College's EMT department and the Pontiac Fire Fighters Union, the day camp will be offered Aug. 6-7 at OCC's Auburn Hills Campus, 2900 Featherstone, a mile east of the Pontiac Silverdome.

Injury prevention and bystander care will be discussed. Participants will also receive an introduction to the EMT field.

The camp also includes a 911 obstacle course. Each participant will receive a certificate and bystander care kit.

"Camp 911 is an exciting program held at only a few EMS agencies in Michigan," said Dick Osgood, EMT faculty member at the college. SWM Systems, Inc. developed the training and materials. It is funded by the state Office of Highway Traffic Safety and National Traffic Safety Administration.

Deadline for reservations is July 30. Parents must sign a liability release form. Campers should bring a bag lunch each day, beverages and snacks will be provided.

For registration information, call Julie Bradley of the college's EMT department at (248) 340-6641.

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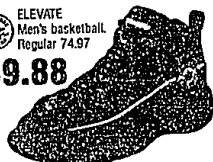
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