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YMCA campership funds needed

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The Farmington YMCA is hoping to raise \$5,000 in the next couple of weeks to help send local children to a week-long day camp.

According to Rick DuRoi, executive director of the Farmington branch, there has been a 30-percent increase in the number of children who need financial assistance to attend.

The board of trustees for the local YMCA has launched a "Send a Child to Camp" fundraiser. So far, the campaign is on target to raise \$95,000, but could use another \$5,000. That would help about 50 children whose parents can't afford the entire expense, said DuRoi.

"We're looking for support from local businesses or individuals who would like to sponsor a child or two," said DuRoi. A week at day camp averages about \$160, he said.

The YMCA Day Camp is also a way for parents to offer their kids a day care setting that offers a mix of fun.

"We will have 300 kids a day at our camps," said DuRoi. "And 60-65 percent are there for the entire summer - you have to do something with the kids in the summer if you work."

The camps range from pre-school age to teen-agers and summer day camp usually runs from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The facility offers before and after care hours as well.

One week camp sessions

begin June 12 and offer specialty, sports and other themed camps. The children are assigned by age groups.

Carolyn Collins of Farmington Hills said she loved sending her four children to summer camp last year and plans to do it again this year.

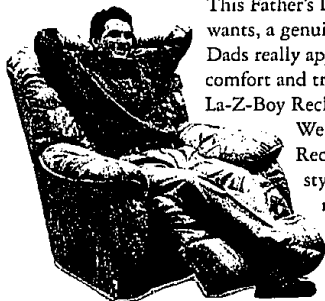
"It gives them a variety of cultures and events to enjoy in the area," she said. Her children, ages 5-11, have their own groups to enjoy, she said.

"I highly recommend it," Collins said. "I think it's beneficial to them and to the community as a whole."

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June 6 - Community Jazz Band: Farmington 20-piece jazz band
June 13 - Steve King and the Dittles: Rockin' in the park to great oldies
June 20 - Kimmie Hone: Hot jazz in the park
June 27 - Jeremy Kittel: 2000 US National Scottish Fiddling Champion
July 11 - Paul Vintimiglia Group: Soft jazz, winner of the 1999 Billboard Magazine Song-writer contest.
July 25 - Community Band: Farmington's 65-member band.
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August 8 - Community Chorus: Farmington

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June 14 - Red Garter Band: Dixieland music
June 21 - The Hits: Top 40
June 28 - The Millionaires: swing orchestra
July 5 - Motor City Brass Band: patriotic music and other favorites.
July 12 - Horizon: Motown favorites
July 26 - Token: Top 40
August 2 - The Chila Dogs: jazz
August 9 - Balduch Mountain Ramblers: American String

FPS offers safety kits for firearm owners

The Farmington Public Safety Department will provide 200 free firearm safety kits to local residents through a partnership with Project HomeSafe, the nationwide firearms safety education program.

The kits, which include a gun lock, will be distributed at the front counter of the public safety department beginning immediately.

Project HomeSafe, a program of the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), will distrib-

ute more than three million firearm safety kits throughout the country over the next year. The program receives funding from the shooting sports industry and through a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice.

"We encourage residents to pick up a project HomeSafe safety kit so that they can securely store their firearm," said Commander Robert Schulz.

Each kit contains a safety curriculum and a cable-style gun lock. The lock fits most types of

handguns, rifles and shotguns. The goal is to prevent a child or any unauthorized person from accessing your firearm in your home.

By partnering with Project HomeSafe, Farmington Public Safety Department is participating in a growing national effort to promote firearms safety education to all gun owners.

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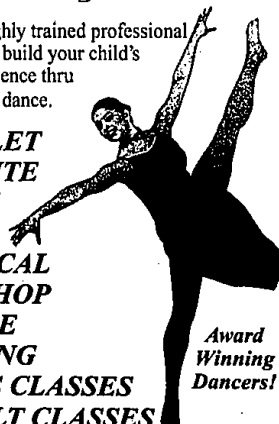
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