

# Teen center opens doors July 1

The Summer Activities Center for teens is back with pool, pinball, football, arts, crafts, outdoor sports, parties, field trips and movies.

"The Farmington Youth Assistance (FYA) hopes to make this a good summer for area teens," said Diane Sands, speaking for the agency and its volunteers who sponsor the center and its variety of free summer activities.

The center will open on July 1 and run through Aug. 12 in Shawnee Recreation Center, on Shawnee Road between Nine Mile and Orchard Lake roads.

## Volunteers are thanked at Bucket Brigade lunch

Bucket Brigade wound up its 11th year of service to children in Farmington Public Schools with a thank-you luncheon for the group's 127 volunteers.

The number gave approximately 400 hours a week of one-on-one tutoring in all academic areas, mixed with tender loving care, to boost self-confidence and academic success.

The luncheon was hosted by Dinghy Sharp, Bucket Brigade Community

Hours are from 4-6 p.m. and from 7-10 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and on Fridays from 7-10 p.m. Field trips are scheduled on each Tuesday.

The format remains the same, operated on a drop-in basis. But all youth, from 13-17 years, must have a signed permission slip from their parents. These are available in the center on opening night.

This is the fourth summer for the center, operated by FYA with funding

from the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills and United Community Services. Bus transportation for field trips is provided by the Farmington School District.

"IT'S A GOOD place for kids to go and have fun on summer evenings," said Darrel Emerson, director for the center. "The center has been a very positive experience for teens and serves a genuine need in the community."

Last year more than 350 teens took advantage of the organized sports, pizza parties, pinball and arcade games, classes and trips offered.

Emerson promises more of the same this summer with the addition of Friday night horror flicks.

Tuesday field trips on this summer's agenda are canoeing, horseback riding, roller skating, a visit to Oakland County Wave Pool, a mystery trip and, they hope, a Tiger baseball game.

A special promotion will allow a few teens to receive Detroit Express Soccer Club membership cards. These teens will be able to participate in an all-day soccer clinic and attend a Detroit Express game of their choice.

Emerson holds sway over the center

activities with a staff of three who supervise individual events.

The center welcomes additional help. Persons interested in serving on the FYA Summer Activities Committee are invited to contact John Pinkerman in the FYA office, 476-3840.

## Racquetball class opens

Fundamentals of racquetball will be taught in Court Time Club classes for beginners, co-sponsored by Farmington Community Center.

Students register in the center at 24705 Farmington Road to take advantage of group rates. Classes are held in the club on Halstead Road north of Grand River in Farmington Hills.

Five-session classes begin at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 23 or Thursday, June 25 at the same time.

Fee for lessons and court time is \$25 per student.

Classes are designed to teach basics of the game, rules, various shots, strategy and etiquette.

A 30-minute group seminar will be followed by an hour of court play.

## Summer short courses offered in the center

Whatever the interests, there's a limited-session summer class offered by Farmington Community Center.

Scott Smith brings his expertise in basketry to a four-hour session class where beginning students will create an attractive apple basket with a 10-inch base.

Students may choose Wednesday, June 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or Wednesday, June 24, and July 1 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in two two-hour sessions. "Stop Smoking Through Hypnosis" returns to the center with instructor Kenneth Lemmon in two sessions starting Tuesday, June 30.

This popular class, which will meet from 7:30-9:30 p.m., has produced good results and interested students have requested another class, according to a center spokesperson.

Participants will face summer '81 with a "Pretty Face" after Marlene Coffey's one-session workshop Tuesday, June 30.

Mrs. Coffey helps her students achieve a natural, well-cared-for look as they learn to emphasize their best features.

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Gardeners can prepare for a magnificent spring showing next year with helpful tips from master gardeners Marie Nash and Marcia Rickfelder from the Oakland County Extension Service.

The new class, "Fall Planning and Planting," is set to meet at 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 22. Students will learn how to choose bulbs and proper planting techniques.

Information on any of the above classes may be obtained by calling the center at 477-8404. Registration for summer classes is in progress now at 24705 Farmington Road.

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