

Metroparks ban booze temporarily

The Huron-Clinton Metroparks have instituted a temporary ban on alcoholic beverages at Metro Beach Parkway and may institute a ban at other parks, such as Stoney Creek and Marshbank. If the need arises, said James Pompo, director of the Metroparks Authority.

The ban will be in effect at Metro from May 19-June 14 in an effort to curb rowdiness from high schoolers suffering from spring fever.

"From past experience, our trouble time during the year usually occurs from mid-May to mid-June. We'll go longer, if necessary," Pompo said.

"The cutoff day (June 14) is when the kids are out of the schools and back in the jurisdiction of their parents."

The ban covers wine and liquor. Hard liquor is illegal in the parks under state law, said Pompo.

Some of the parks already have opened. Marshbank will open Memorial weekend, Saturday, May 24. Vehicle entry permits are required. A season permit is \$10, \$5 for seniors. Daily permits cost \$2.

Kite-flying contest Saturday

The Oakland Parks and Recreation Commission is offering a variety of spring and summer programs.

One of the first is the Oakland County kite-flying festival from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday. It features a kite-making seminar, flying demonstration, prizes, clowns and kites of all shapes, sizes and colors.

It will be at the Oakland County service center, 1200 N. Telegraph, just north of Elizabeth Lake Road, Pontiac. Call 858-4944 for information.

The arts of canoeing, camping and backpacking will be demonstrated to kids aged 10-14 at sessions May 31 and June 7 at the Independence Oaks County Park on Sashabaw Road, 2 1/2 miles north of I-75 in Clarkston. Call 625-6473 for details.

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