

recreation news

Each week, the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services Recreation Division presents a synopsis of upcoming activities. For more information about programs, call the recreation office: 473-9576. For matters regarding city council agenda items, call the city newsletter: 476-3838.

● CALLING ALL CAROLERS

All you need is the spirit of the season and the song of the holiday to put people into a joyful, seasonal mood. Volunteer for Friday, Dec. 16, and/or Saturday, Dec. 17, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., as caroling will be performed at various sites in the city. To volunteer call 473-9576.

● CAMP SNOW-U-WONNA

Children ages 3-5 and 6-8 can enjoy a week of winter games, sledding, crafts and snow sculpting, weather permitting, from Dec. 26 to Dec. 30 at the Spicer House in Heritage Park. The camps begin at 9 a.m. and run to 3 p.m. Fee is \$50 for the week. Each camp will accept 20

camp registrations

● YOUTH DAY TRIPS

Children ages 6-13 will delight in traveling on one or more of the holiday trips sponsored by the Recreation Division. On Tuesday, Dec. 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. children can enjoy the production of "Alice in

Wonderland" at the Detroit Institute of Arts Youtheatre. Fee is \$10 per person. On Wednesday, Dec. 28 from 5:30-10 p.m. children can laugh at the antics of the world famous Harlem Globetrotters at Joe Louis Arena. Fee is \$15 per person. The final trip will be on Thursday, Dec. 29, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with children having the inside tour of Joe Louis Arena (home of the Detroit Red Wings) and a visit to the Palace (home of the Detroit Pistons). Fee is \$12 per person and includes lunch. An adult supervision ratio of 1 to 8 children will accompany each trip. Trips will leave from and return to the Spicer House parking lot in Heritage Park.

● CROSS-COUNTRY SKI CENTERS

As soon as weather provides us with a layer of snow to ski on, the centers at Heritage Park and Glen Oaks Golf Course will open. Heritage

Park ski center, located on Farmington Road south of 11 Mile, will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Glen Oaks ski center, located on 13 Mile east of Orchard Lake Road, will be open Fridays from 5-9 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Each site offers miles of groomed trails and ski rental. During hours of operation, call Heritage Park at 478-8570 and Glen Oaks at 451-8356.

● DOWNHILL SKI TRIP

Join us for a fun-filled day of skiing at Mt. Brighton. This holiday break ski trip is open to fourth and fifth graders and all middle and high school students. Fee includes tow ticket and transportation. Ski rental is not included. Trip date is Thursday, Dec. 29. Bus pickup is 10 a.m. at either North Farmington High School or East Middle School. Fee is \$13. The trip will last from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Recreation job opportunities plentiful

"Recreation is more than fun and games," says Charles Lewis, superintendent of the Recreation Division of the Detroit Recreation Department.

Lewis says people take their leisure activities very seriously these days, and a huge industry has grown to accommodate their needs. His comments will be broadcast on the Michigan Employment Security Commission's "The Job Show," at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, on Metrovision cable Channel 12.

"Leisure services is the largest industry in the world if you put all the pieces together," he said.

For instance, tourism is Michigan's second largest industry, employing 240,000 people and generating \$13 billion dollars in revenue a year.

Lewis said employment opportunities in the recreation and leisure service areas range from minimum wage jobs which require little or no special training to executive positions which will be broadcast on the Michigan Employment Security Commission's "The Job Show," at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, on Metrovision cable Channel 12.

"As colleges develop curricula there is a tightening of requirements in terms of who can qualify for a particular job," he said.

The variety of jobs available in the industry is wide-ranging, encom-

passing everything from lifeguards and recreational therapists to foresters, groundskeepers and security personnel at recreational facilities. In the Detroit Recreation Department, there are 200 types of jobs, says Lewis.

He thinks employment opportunities in the leisure service industry will continue to grow, as more people become aware of the role leisure plays in the total perspective of life.

ON THE second segment of "The Job Show," there is good news for some people who may be eligible for retroactive payments of special type of unemployment benefit.

According to Carol Haupt, acting

director of the Bureau of Unemployment Insurance at the Michigan Employment Security Commission (MESC), some workers who were denied Trade Readjustment Allowance (TRA) benefits between 1975 and 1981 may be eligible to file a claim for payment now. Federal TRA benefits are paid to workers who lose their jobs as a result of foreign imports.

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