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Monthly Insight into the Elizabeth Park & Rec District

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District to Manage Childcare Programming at Running Creek Elementary School in 2025

Continuing its collaboration with the Elizabeth School District, the Elizabeth Park and Recreation District will begin administering and operating the Kids Club programming at Running Creek Elementary in January of 2025. Having assumed management of the Kids Club programming at Singing Hills Elementary this past summer, the District looks forward to expanding its footprint and serving more community families with much needed childcare services during “out-of-school” times. Kids Club programming includes before school care, after school care, and full-day camp like programming during school breaks and for 10 weeks over the summer season. Students are cared for and engaged in a variety of activities by our energetic staff which complements the school experience. Kids Club programming is coordinated by Tina Brisnehan, the District's Childcare Programs Coordinator. Tina brings a wealth of experience, education, and energy to the District and you can be assured that your children are in great hands under her and her team's supervision. All Kids Club programs are licensed and inspected under State of Colorado Childcare Licensing. Financial assistance is available for families in need.

Message from the Director *What's Up with a Recreation Center?*

I've been asked this question several times over the last few weeks, so I wanted to take an opportunity to provide an update for those that may be wondering, hoping for, or rooting against a recreation center being built in the community. Although voters did reject a ballot initiative to fund the construction of a recreation center in 2022, the Board received a lot of feedback that there were concerns with the ballot language itself and how the project was presented. The Board does believe that residents will support such a facility being funded in the future however, provided that the ballot question is clear and that it appropriately limits the project scope and spending limits.

In order to test their belief of public support for a new facility, the District will be exploring this issue during its current district wide master planning effort. As we work with our consultant team to inventory all existing park and recreation spaces and amenities, identify gaps and needs in the system, and develop priorities to be pursued, answering the question of whether residents want to fund a recreation center will be a fundamental goal. While we see and value the benefits, it really doesn't matter unless you do too.

Wherever you may stand on the issue, we hope that all residents will participate in the current master plan process and share their thoughts and opinions on whether a recreation center should be funded and built in the community. While the Board does express support, they also recognize that it is a question that needs to be presented to, and answered by residents. They respect that it is you that should decide whether funding for a recreation center is the desired use for your tax dollars.

Once the master plan process is complete next Spring, we should have a much better response to, “What's up with a recreation center?”

Casey Jones' Haunted Halloween Haven Saturday, October 26, 6pm-8pm



Bring the kiddos by Casey Jones Park and join us for an evening of Halloween fun. The pavilion is being transformed into a haunted maze and there will be plenty of tricks and treats for all. Hayrides through the park will also be offered. It's all free!

EPR Annual Adult Flag Football Tournament

Saturday, November 9th - Evans Park

Gather your team and get registered now for the opportunity to be crowned Elizabeth's Champs of the Gridiron for 2024. This double-elimination tournament never fails to provide lots of fun competition and excitement. It has also been accompanied by early season snow in past years, so always an exciting day.

Format is no contact 5v5, all players eligible, and there are no rules regarding gender. Teams may roster up to 10 players and all players must be at least 16 years old. Flags are provided during play.

Cost is \$225/team, with 1st and 2nd place teams receiving awards. Space is limited and registration will close when tournament is full. Register at www.elizabethpr.com or by calling us at 303.646.3599.

Youth Basketball

Do not miss out on the opportunity to register your child for our youth basketball program.

Unlike our outdoor youth sports, which are able to accommodate all youth that register within the posted registration timeframe, basketball registration will end once an age division reaches its maximum enrollment.

Maximum enrollments are set based on the number of practice days / times that we are able to secure within the schools. If you delay too long, there may not be spots available for your child to play this coming season. It's truly unfortunate, though there are just not enough gyms in the community to accommodate all youth that want to play.

Teams begin practicing in early January with the first games scheduled on January 11th.

Teams practice 1-2 times per week and play games on Saturday through March 1st. Age

divisions include: 6-8, 8-10, 10-12 (youth bridging two divisions should register for most appropriate division based on size and skill level). Cost is \$90/player. Volunteer coaches are needed and receive a refund for their child's fees after the season.

Help Wanted – Childcare Staff

As the District prepares to begin managing the Kids Club programming at Running Creek Elementary, we are seeking a few all-stars to join our team. Ideal candidates should enjoy working with youth, be creative, have high energy, and be committed to providing quality experiences for local students during “out-of-school” times. We are currently accepting applications / resumes for a Childcare Site Supervisor, Lead Teachers, and Recreation Instructors. The District offers local employment at competitive pay, retirement benefits, opportunities for varied / flexible scheduling, professional development opportunities, and the joy that comes from serving your community.

Our Kids Club programs at Running Creek and Singing Hills Elementary Schools provide much needed childcare for Elizabeth families when youth are not in school. These programs include before school care, after school care, and day camp like programming during school breaks and throughout the summer. Pay for these positions range from \$15-\$23.50 per hour dependent upon education, experience, and skills. High School students may apply for the Recreation Instructor positions.

To request job descriptions, ask questions, or receive more information, call us at 303.646.3599 or email us at info@elizabethpr.com. Candidates must apply by 5pm on October 18th. Employment is expected to begin in early January, though some training may occur in mid- December. All candidates will need to pass detailed background screening including finger printing per state childcare licensing requirements.