

Director's Report for Pottsgrove Recreation Board

March 19, 2024

Swimming Lessons:

The early spring session will begin next week, and we have 28 children registered. Late Spring lessons begin April 22nd and participants should register by April 3rd.

Community Band

Community Band resumed practices on February 5th and they are preparing for their spring and summer concerts. Their first concert is on April 13th at Sunnybrook for their Community Band Extravaganza inside the Ballroom. Doors open at 11am and music starts at 12pm. Other Community Bands include Exeter, Quakertown, and Boyertown. Tickets are \$10 online or \$15 at the door.

Adult Volleyball

Adult Volleyball had 21 unique participants in the Fall and so far for Spring we have had 18 unique participants.

Youth Volleyball

I had to cancel this but was told by several parents they would love a summer option so I will try again to register for summer after securing a space. I will be reaching out to West Pottsgrove Township to see if we can use the park again this summer.

CPR Classes

The February 22, 2024 CPR class included 7 Summer Playground Counselors who needed to renew and our Country Line Dancing Instructor. We paid for them to complete this training. I have scheduled another one for May 23rd 11 returning counselors scheduled to renew their CPR and have it open to the public to try to add more participants.

Country Line Dancing – Stompin' Boots

Country Line Dancing had a great turnout with 29 the first class with many weekly dancers and everyone is having a lot of fun! We have sold 21 punch cards and I am working on getting t-shirts made for the program and those who attend regularly will get a free t-shirt. We have a Facebook Group where I post new dance videos each week so if someone misses a class, they can watch the videos to learn the dance. Cindy is great and reviews 2 previous dances and teaches a new one each week and she ends with a cool down dance.

No More Excuses Walk Club

We started walking on March 12 and it was the perfect weather for the first night. We already have 13 members. It has been well received and it is the talk of Facebook. We walk at the high school track Tuesday & Thursday evenings 6pm-8pm or dark. Some walk for an hour and leave and others stay and walk until we leave. I am also having T-shirts made for the walk club.

Youth Basketball & Multisport

Youth Basketball and Multisport started this week and we have 31 for basketball in 3 classes and 13 multisport in one class. Sydney will be working with Marcus this spring to help him with all the larger number of kids. Multisport is on Mondays and Basketball is Monday and Fridays.

Summer Playground Popups

Kind of a flop this year. I had 9 kids register and only 1 showed up to the first one and then I sent an email asking for confirmation from families for the second one and did not hear back from any of them, so I canceled the second one. I will probably end up canceling the April one as well. I probably won't do this next year.

Summer Playground

Summer Playground plans are almost complete. I am still putting together a budget and finalizing the activities, but currently have field trips for the Challenger Learning Center for older kids and Childrens' Discovery Center for the younger ones, Waltz' Golf with Ice Cream, Movie at Flagship, Schuylkill River Greenways, Bowling with Laser Tag, and weekly pool days. The kids will have Water Ice and Philly Pretzels each week and a library visit. I am trying to fit in a painting day as well hoping to get the YMCA to come and talk to the kids about water safety and possibly the police and fire for a safety day. I have included the Calendar in your packet. The cost of all activities including T-Shirts, water ice, & Philly Pretzels. It should be a fun summer.

We already have 23 children registered. I have been in contact with all of our 2023 counselors and have 2 head counselors and 5 counselors not returning this year. I have 3 siblings of current or past counselors wanting to be CITs and several other applications. I am waiting until April to set up interviews when I have a better understanding of how many counselors I will need to hire.

Summer Nights

I reached out to Lower Pottsgrove Township and we can use Gerald Richards Field in the evenings the weeks of July 22nd & 29th I have several counselors interested in doing a "summer Playground" like program in the evenings. I am going to see how many families would be interested in this as soon as I am able to price it out. It would be 2 hours and I will need to charge enough to cover paying counselors.

Other Summer Programming

We will offer Youth basketball, multisport and volleyball if I am able to secure space at West Pottsgrove Township Building, like we did last year. I will reach out to them after Easter after I see what weeks Marcus & Sydney are available.

Contribution Letters

Contribution request letters went out on March 5, 2024. I received the School District check on Friday, March 15, 2024.

Next meeting will be **April 16, 2024 7:00pm via Zoom.**