

# CITY OF GAINESVILLE Recreation and Parks Department

# SUMMER CAMP 2005?

## FUN ALL DAY FOR KIDS AGES 5-12

#### **SUMMER 2005 CAMP INFO**

Camp Begins MONDAY JUNE 13<sup>th</sup> Camp Ends FRIDAY AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup>

#### Camp HOURS: 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

**REGULAR CAMP COST:** 

City Residents: \$20.00 per child/per week NON-City Residents: \$30.00 per child/per week

### Extended Care HOURS: 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

**EXTENDED CARE COST:** 

ity Residents: \$5.00 per child/per week
Non-City Residents: \$7.50 per child/per week

\*Regular Camp Fees: City Residents with 3 or more children registered will be given a \$5.00 discount starting with the third child

# KIDS 15-16 YEARS OLD CAN PARTICIPATE IN OUR C.I.T. PROGRAM!

COUNSELORS IN TRAINING ASSIST SUMMER DAY CAMP STAFF IN SUPERVISING CHILDREN AND PLANNING ACTIVITIES

CALL 334-2103 FOR MORE INFO!

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#### SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CAMP AVAILABLE!

- Available to City Residents only
- •Limited number for each site available
  - First 10% of qualified applicants will receive free tuition
  - Second 10% of qualified applicants will be granted \$5 00 per week tuition

#### MUST BRING TO REGISTRATION:

-Copy of GRU Bill or Voters Registration
-Current Medicaid card in the child's name

#### Porters Rec. Center

Union Academy/Ross, B. Williams Res. Center



Eastside Rec. Center

T.B. McPherson Rec. Center Northeast Rec. Center

## SPORTS - ARTS AND CRAFTS MOVIES - BOWLING SKATING - PLAYGROUNDS GAMEROOMS

# SWIMMING FEES INCLUDED!!!

#### REGISTRATION INFO

Registration for All Centers \ CITY RESIDENTS Begins April 11th, 2005

Registration for All Center \ NON- CITY RESIDENTS
Begins April 18th, 2005

Register between 8:00AM – 5:00PM at M-F Thelma Boltin Center (516 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave Gainesville, FL)

#### FOR REGISTRATION YOU MUST BRING:

Proof of Residency (GRU Bill or Voters Registration) Birth Certificate for children 5 years old Your child must be 5 by June 1, 2005 (no exceptions)

VISA/MC Accepted

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (352) 334-2103

#### City of Gainesville Recreation and Parks Department

#### **Eastside Recreation Center**

• 12 children were scholarshiped into the program free of charge

• 23 children attended extended care

Total participants: 236 City Residents: 92% Non-City Residents: 8%

#### T.B. McPherson Recreation Center

• 10 children were scholarshiped into the program free of charge

35 children attended extended care

Total participants: 244City Residents: 95.5%Non-City Residents: 4.5%

#### Rosa B. Williams Community Center

9 children were scholarshiped into the program free of charge

• 19 children attended extended care

Total participants: 144City Residents: 95%Non-City Residents: 5%

#### **Porters Community Center**

• 0 children were scholarshiped into the program free of charge

• 12 children attended extended care

Total participants: 49City Residents: 87 %Non-City Residents: 13%

#### Northeast Community Center

• 12 children were scholarshiped into the program free of charge

• 15 children attended extended care

Total participants: 209
City Residents: 96.5%
Non-City Residents: 3.5%

#### Westside Community Center

3 children were scholarshiped into the program free of charge

43 children attended extended care

Total participants: 137City Residents: 97%Non-City Residents: 3%

### **City of Gainesville**

## Recreation & Parks Department





At Westside Recreption Center



Summer Camp Fees:

City Residents: Non-City Residents: \$60.00 per Session

\$90 00 per Session

Before-Care Fees:

City Residents: Non-City Residents: \$5.00 per Session \$7 50 per Session

After-Care Fees:

City Residents: Non-City Residents: \$5.00 per Session \$7.50 per Session

Combined Before- & After-Care Fees:

City Residents:

\$8.00 per Session

Non-City Residents:

\$12.00 per Session

#### Summer Camp Session Dates:

Session 1: June 13-17, 2005

Session 2: June 20-24, 2005

Session 3: June 27-July 1, 2005

Session 4: July 5-8, 2005.

(no camp on Monday, July 4th)

Session 5: July 11-15, 2005

Session 6: July 18-22, 2005

Session 7: July 25-29, <u>200</u>5

Session 8: August 1-5, 2005

#### Summer Camp Hours:

Regular Hours: 8:30am-5:30pm

Before-Care: 7:30am—8:30am

5:30pm-6:30pmAfter-Care:

\*\* Cash, Checks, Visa or MasterCard accreted!

For more information, please call Westside Recreation Center at 334-2186

#### REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

City Residents Only:

Saturday, April 2nd Noon--5:00pm Monday, April 4th-Friday, April 8th

Monday, April 11th-Friday, April 15th

9:00am-8:00nm

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All Residents (City and Non-City Residents):

Monday, April 18th-Friday, April 22nd 9:00am-8:00pm (if space is still available)

Registration Location:

Westside Recreation Center, 1001 NW 34th St.

#### What to Bring to Registration (required information):

- Proof of Residency (GRU Bill or Voters Registration)
- Birth Certificate (for children who are 5 years old)
- Your child MUST be 5 by June 1, 2005 (no exceptions)

Scholarship discounts of \$20 00 are available for a limited number of spots!

- Available to City residents only
- Available on first-come, first-serve basis
- Household income must be below \$20,000/yr
- Applications available during registration period

Kids 15-16 Years Old Can Participate in our C.I.T. Program! Participants in the Counselors In Training Program will assist summer camp staff in supervising kids and planning activities. Call 334-2186 for more information.

# City of Gainesville Recreation & Parks Department Summer Camp Program Westside Recreation Center

#### Kids on the Go Camp

#### History

Historically, the City of Gainesville has run a summer camp program that was free of charge to all participants, and was referred to as the Summer Playground Program. One exception to this rule was at Westside Recreation Center. Prior to 2000, a summer camp program was run at Westside Park each year that charged participants to attend. This rate was \$50.00 per week, and the 75-100 slots available filled up each summer, often with waiting lists. In 2000, management within the department instituted a policy that all camp programs were to be the same. Thus, the \$50.00 per week summer camp program at Westside was discontinued. In 2001, with the arrival of Recreation Supervisor Sheryl Ryan, she instituted a more formalized summer program, thus transitioning the loosely organized and free Summer Playground Program into a formalized, structured and fee-based Summer Camp Program. Over the past two years, Sheryl has done an incredible job of transforming this camp into a high-quality program.

Over the past several years, staff and citizens alike have been asking if the Recreation & Parks Department could offer a different type of summer camp program than the standard camp program currently offered. Management and staff from the department began reviewing this idea and researching its feasibility. Staff felt that this summer presented an opportunity for our department to expand the variety of the summer camp program offerings to the public to give our citizens more choices. Out of staff brainstorming sessions developed the concept for a travel and trip camp, and thus *Kids on the Go* was born. Westside was chosen as the location due to its centralized location within the City limits, its size and ability to accommodate a large number of participants, and the ease of accessibility for bus transportation to get into and out of the camp facility.

#### Kids on the Go Camp

Kids on the Go camp will be based on the field trip experience. Due to numerous factors associated with running a camp with a lot of field trips, the fee has to be higher to accommodate the increased costs of running such a camp. For example, the Kids on the Go Camp will feature multiple field trips per week, plus swimming trips. This will require more use of the school board buses, which increase the costs. Cost of field trip admissions is included in the cost of the summer camp. In addition, due to safety and liability of such trips, staff ratios would need to be 1:10 instead of the customary 1:15 (the 1:10 ratio is required by many field trip locations). This will mean increased staffing, again leading to increased costs. For increased visibility of camp participants during field trip experiences, all participants will receive a brightly colored and highly distinguishable camp t-shirt to make it easier for staff to identify City participants on field trips.

What is unique about the *Kids on the Go* camp program is that it has been designed financially to be a break-even program. This means the program will not need to be subsidized by the general fund budget. All revenues for the program will cover the camp expenses.