

2012 Summer Playground Report

	Registration	Average Daily Attendance
Green Acres	43	20-30
Lindberg	83	30-40
Devonshire	30	15-20
Laubach	97	35-45

The daily average attendance at all of the parks was basically consistent with last year.

Tennis Clinic: Samantha Foulke was our tennis clinic instructor this year and did a great job. The clinics were well attended at both locations.

Arts and Crafts: Antonella DiMatteo and Patrick Jacoby were the Arts and Crafts instructors. They split their duties with Arts and as Head Counselors. Arts and Crafts remains one of the favorite events in the program and is always well attended.

Special Programs

Movie Nights: This year we showed the newly released movie Happy Feet 2. It was well attended for both scheduled performances.

Park Day: Park Day was held at Lindberg Park and was a lot of fun. This year's attendance was about 120 children. Bus service was provided from Laubach, and Devonshire Parks. As in the past years there were relay races, field events, capture the flag and water games. Ribbons and candy prizes were awarded and the day concluded with hot dogs, soda, chips, and "goody bags". It was an enjoyable day for both the staff and children. Representatives from the Salisbury Press and the Salisbury Patch attended the event. As in the past the public works employees were invited for lunch as our way of thanking them for all the assistance and hard work.

Allentown Public Library Book Van: This was the second year for this program and the interest continues to increase. The book van visited all four locations this year for four scheduled Fridays to allow children to check out and return books. Joan Kneiss of the Allentown Public Library has not yet completed her report therefore information on participation will be provided when that report is completed.

Staff

Overall this year's staff did a terrific job. I had most of my counselor return so they were all experienced and well trained. I did have an issue with one new hire who was unable to get to the assigned park location and therefore was replaced.

Antonella DiMatteo returned as Head Counselor and Patrick Jacoby was an additional Head Counselor. They worked well together and were able to provide more coverage for the four playground sights, .They were a great asset to the safety and supervision of the program. The staff worked well together and put together some great activities for the children. Some highlights were pizza nights, karaoke, water days, tee shirt tie-dying and the evening movie night.

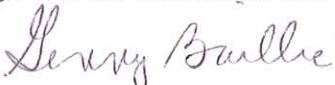
Comments

We had a very successful program this summer. We had approximately 250 registered participants with 16 counselors and 2 Head Counselors. I had a lot of positive feedback from parents about our staff and program.

Communication issues with the Salisbury Police became a concern and a better system will be developed for the future along with the conversion of the hand radios.

We continue to have problems with dogs in the parks (especially during program hours). This was especially problematic at Lindberg Park, Devonshire and Laubach parks where we had several participants who are allergic to dogs. We continue to have many residents who insist on bringing their dogs into the parks. Counselors continually referred the owners to the posted signs and asked them to leave. They were often met with nasty and belligerent comments. This continues to be a serious and chronic problem that I feel is not getting the attention that it needs.

In closing, I would like to thank Frank McCullough once again for all the time and energy he continues to give to the Summer Playground Program. The children and counselors look forward to seeing him every day in the parks. He continues to be a huge asset to the program and his volunteerism is to be commended!!! I also want to acknowledge Dave Bonaskiewich and his crew for all the assistance they give to the counselors and children in the program. We are so appreciative of all they do!


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