

## 2015 Summer Playground Report

	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Average Daily Attendance</b>
<b>Green Acres</b>	90	25-35
<b>Lindberg</b>	37	10-15
<b>Devonshire</b>	38	8-12
<b>Laubach</b>	79	25-35

Due to the construction at Lindberg Park the attendance at Green Acres, Devonshire, and Lindberg shifted a bit from previous years.

**Soccer Clinic:** Patrick Jacoby was our soccer clinic instructor this year and did a great job. The clinics were well attended at both locations.

**Arts and Crafts:** Patrick Jacoby and Alyssa Fox were the Arts and Crafts instructors. Arts and Crafts remains one the favorite events in the program and is always well attended.

### **Special Programs**

**Movie Nights:** This year we showed the newly released “Paddington” movie. Attendance for both scheduled performances was lower this year. There was a threat of rain for Laubach’s showing which may have effected attendance there.

**Park Day:** Park Day was held at Lindberg Park and was a lot of fun. This year’s attendance was about 90 children. Bus service was provided from Laubach, and Devonshire Parks. 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. A representative from the Salisbury Press attended the event as well as a township police officer. 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 fifth year for the program however I have not yet received the end of season report from Joan Kneiss. I will share the information when it is available.

## **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 was pleased with the performance of the new staff as they were enthusiastic and competent with the exception of one new hire. She was not reliable as far as attendance and promptness. She will not be asked back next year.

Patrick Jacoby returned as Head Counselor. He was 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 Rita's nights, tennis baseball, water days, tee shirt tie-dying and the evening movie night.

## **Comments**

We had a very successful program this summer. We had approximately 230 registered participants with 17 counselors and 1 Head Counselor. I had a lot of positive feedback from parents about our staff and program.

As a result of the construction of the new walking trail at Lindberg Park we had to delay the opening of the program there for 2 weeks. This did impact the attendance at Devonshire Park and especially Green Acres Park where the numbers were very high for that time period. The Lindberg staff was divided between the two locations until we were able to open the program at Lindberg.

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 the Public Works Department 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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