

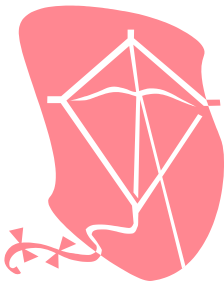
Batavia Youth Bureau

2010

Summer Recreation Program

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Youth invited to Parks this Summer!

The Batavia Youth Bureau is once again sponsoring the annual Summer Recreation Program in the City of Batavia. Youth, between the ages of 6 and 14 years old, are invited to participate in the six week summer program. The program is open to youth who live in the city or town of Batavia and is free of charge. The Summer Recreation Program is a drop-in program and is not designed as a day care. The program will run from **July 6– August 13**, Monday– Friday, from **9:00 am-4:00 pm**. The program will be offered at **5 Parks this summer including Farrall, John Kennedy, Lambert, Williams, Woodward**. Due to budget constraints, the program will not be offered at Kibbe or Lions Park this summer. Youth who normally attend those parks, can attend any other park.

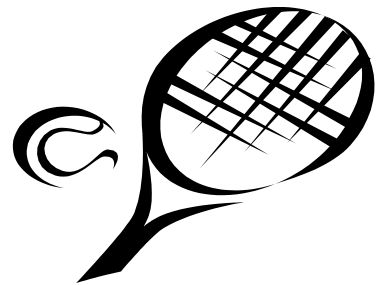
If you are looking for something structured for your kids to participate in this summer, register them for the Summer Recreation Program. This program has something for everyone; sports, arts and crafts, educational activities, physical activity, creativity, socialization, fun, health and wellness and much more. Each park will be supervised by Recreation Leaders who will have

participated in a three-day training. The Recreation Leaders will also participate in a 3 hour CPR Training. The Leaders at each park will be responsible for structuring their individual park and creating a schedule each week that will be sent home with each child. In addition to the activities offered directly at the park, special activities such as Rollerskating, Safe Summer Children's Carnival, a Park Picnic, Geo-Cache Treasure Hunt, Get Up and Go Day, Muckdogs Camp Day and Community Service Day will also be offered. This year, the program will also feature tennis programming that will be pushed into the parks by an Americorps member each week.

To register your child for a park, please attend the Park's Program nearest to you on any day that the program operates. There will also be an Open House scheduled for July 1, 5:30 pm at Williams Park, if you wish to pre-register your child(ren) for the the program. You will be asked to complete a registration card for your child (ren) for emergency purposes and to also sign a walking field trip permission slip. Each child must be registered to attend a program at a park. For more information call the Batavia Youth Bureau at 345-6420.

Tennis Anyone?

Through a grant from USTA (United States Tennis Association), the Batavia Youth Bureau will provide scholarships to youth for the Jack Dudley Community Tennis Program this summer. Any youth who qualifies for free or reduced lunch at school is eligible. If you are interested in a scholarship for your child for tennis lessons and think they qualify, contact the Batavia Youth Bureau at 345-6420. Tennis Racquets will be available on a loan basis to anyone receiving a scholarship. The tennis program



starts June 28th and concludes on August 6th. Tennis will also be included as a regular scheduled activity in each of the Parks this summer.

Muckdogs Camp

For the second year in a row, the Muckdogs will be holding their Muckdog Camp at Dwyer Stadium. The kids in the Summer Recreation Program will be able to enjoy a baseball game, have a hot dog lunch, play games, visit booths set up by agencies in the community and socialize with their friends in all five of the parks. There will also be the opportunity to receive autographs from the Muckdogs Players. A permission slip will be sent home and needs to be returned in order for the youth to participate. For more information on the Muckdogs Camp, call the Youth Bureau at 345-6420.



Reminder

There will be **NO program at Lions or Kibbe Parks** this summer.



Program Funding

The City of Batavia Recreation Program is funded by the City of Batavia with partial funding from NYS Office of Children and Family Services and the Town of Batavia. The City of Batavia works in cooperation with the City School District to offer a program at two school parks. Fees are not charged for the program so that no youth is denied service due to an inability to pay. A structured program will be offered at five of the city parks this summer. They are, Farrall, John Kennedy, Lambert, Williams and Woodward.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Summer Recreation Program has been in existence in Batavia since 1956 and used to be operated by the Batavia School District!

Youth Giving Back!

Youth involved in this year's Summer Recreation Program will be asked to participate in a community service project called "Youth Give Back" Day. In the past, each park has chosen a community service project to complete. Last year we chose to send letters, poems, artwork, etc...to our brave servicemen and women in the Military. We also participated in a Welcome Home Gift Basket Project that makes up gift baskets for service men and women who are returning home from active duty. Participants brought in personal items such as tooth brushes, toothpaste, shampoos, stationary, etc...to be added to baskets being given to soldiers returning home. ***Give Back*** Day is an opportunity to teach youth about the importance of community involvement and service to others. **This year's project will be a large can/bottle drive to benefit a local charity.** If you would like to donate cans or bottles please call the Youth Bureau at 345-6420.

More than Just Recreation!

Yes, Recreation is the middle word in the Summer Recreation Program, however the program offers much more than Recreation. The program is designed to provide constructive activities for youth during the summer when they are not in school. It offers companionship, socialization, and education. Instead of having youth inside their houses, playing video games or watching television, they can be outside in a park playing games with neighborhood kids in a safe supervised setting. With growing obesity rates among youth, organizers see the importance of a program designed to keep youth engaged, involved, occupied and active.

Treasure Hunt!

Youth will be able to find hidden treasures or caches during the ***Treasure Hunt Days*** the week of July 12. This year, the kids will be bussed to the Genesee County Park where volunteers from the Park, Cooperative Extension and others have organized the treasure hunts. There will be "caches" hidden throughout the park for the youngsters to find with their hand held GPS Units. Kids, staff and volunteers will work together in groups to find their treasures. The kids will also have the opportunity to visit the Interpretive Center at the Park.

Rollerskating

The children in the Summer Recreation Program will have the opportunity to rollerskate at the Royal Rink free of charge on Wednesday afternoons. The kids and their Rec. Leaders will walk to the Rink after lunch and can skate from 1:00 pm—3:00 pm. They will then walk, as a group, back to their respective parks. If parents plan to transport their kids to the Rink, we ask that they alert the Rec. Leaders at their child's park. Call the Youth Bureau at 345-6420 for the rollerskating dates.

Meal Program to be Offered in Parks this Summer!

Young people in the City of Batavia will have an opportunity to enjoy lunch at five of the city parks this summer. The City's Youth Bureau has teamed up with the YWCA to provide meals thru the USDA Summer Food Service Program. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) was established to ensure that children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session. Free meals, that meet federal nutrition guidelines, are provided to all children at approved SFSP sites in areas with significant concentrations of low-income children. This year the YWCA of Genesee County, as the lead sponsor, will partner with the Batavia City Youth Bureau and will provide lunch at Woodward, Farrall, Lambert, JK, and Williams Parks. These sites will receive lunch and will be open to all school age children in the Batavia school district who are registered with the Rec. program.

City of Batavia Summer Recreation Leaders will be trained on how to serve the meals which will be prepared and delivered by YWCA staff. Lunches will be served from 12:00-1:00 at the parks, Monday –Friday, starting on July 6 and concluding on August 13th. No structured recreational activities will occur during the lunch hour. A schedule, registration form, and menu of the meal program will be available at any of the sites or at the Batavia Youth Bureau or YWCA. Any youth who participates in the meal program will need to have a registration form completed by their parent or guardian in advance. (see form below) It is not mandatory for a youth to attend lunch every day. Although, it is helpful to know whether or not the child plans to receive lunch at the park to ensure the YWCA sends the appropriate numbers to each of the parks.

Lunch will be provided thru this program at all Park Special Events, including Geocaching Day and Safe Summer Children's Carnival . For more information on the Meal Program, please contact Toni Funke at Batavia Youth Bureau at 345-6420 or Brenda Chapell at the YWCA at 343-5808.



City of Batavia Summer Recreation Program/YWCA Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Registration

Please print

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Phone # _____

School Child Attends: _____

Parents Name: _____ Emergency # _____

List any Food Allergies: _____

Proof of food allergies from a doctor will be necessary for any food substitutions.

Does your child have any medical conditions that we need to be aware of? _____

Meal Program Site (circle one): Farrall John Kennedy Lambert Williams Woodward

Will your child attend Lunch? Occasionally Daily Never

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

By signing you are stating that you are aware that your child will participate in the SFSP (Meal Program)

Please mail to Batavia Youth Bureau, 12 MacArthur Drive, Batavia, NY 14020 Or fax to 344-0260

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City of Batavia Summer Recreation Program Registration

Please print

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Phone # _____

Park your child will attend: JK Williams Woodward Farrall Lambert

Parents Name: _____ Emergency # _____

Please list any of your child's medical conditions or concerns that we need to be aware of?

Hold Harmless Agreement

_____, *the parent/guardian, shall indemnify, hold harmless, assume liability for and defend the City of Batavia, its employees, officers and agents from any and all damages, costs and expenses including but not limited to, attorney's fees, court costs, and all other sums which the City of Batavia its employees, officers and agents may pay or become obligated to pay on account of any and every demand, claim or assertion of liability, or any claim founded thereon, arising or alleged to have arisen out of the activities of the City of Batavia Summer Recreation Program including field trips. I am also aware that photographs of my child may be used for publicity purposes for the program.*

Dated: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature