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SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

La Porte Park and Recreation Department
Parents Information

WELCOME TO THE 2024 SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM! We are pleased you have opted to have your child play with us this summer. This drop-in program is for recreational purposes only and NOT to be considered child care services. The program runs throughout the summer recess (dates to be determined). Organized activities include staff-led games, activities, sports, arts and crafts and playground time.

PARTICIPATION: The program is for residents of La Porte, ages 5-12. There is no charge for the program. Dismissal from the program for inappropriate behavior is at the discretion of the program staff.

SUPERVISION: Each program site will be supervised by at least one park leader, but in most cases two or more. Staff supervision is only provided during program operating hours. If you have questions or concerns about the program, please speak to one of the park leaders onsite. Parents are allowed, and for younger children encouraged, to stay onsite during the program.

Recreation Director Pam Carroll can be reached in regard to the Summer Playground program, as well as any other Park and Recreation Department programs, at (219) 326-9600 or by e-mail at Csmith1@cityoflaportein.gov.

Please know when adult supervision will be at the park and never drop off a child unless authorized program personnel are present. Plan to arrive prior to the listed start time. Participants should be picked up promptly at the end of the session. Parents should have a plan for picking up a child promptly in the case of severe weather, such as a thunderstorm.

PROGRAM STAFF IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PARTICIPANTS WHO LEAVE THE PROGRAM SITE, ARRIVE PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED START TIME OR REMAIN ONSITE AFTER THE SCHEDULED END TIME.

WEATHER POLICY: If weather conditions warrant, i.e. extreme heat, thunder storms or persistent rain, the program session may be cancelled. Cancellation information will be posted on the city's website, www.cityoflaporte.com, the department's Facebook page, and sign up for alerts.

RESTROOMS: Program sites do not have restroom facilities. Parents need to make sure their child is able to go the length of the program session without needing the restroom and be sure their child uses the restroom before arriving.

SAFETY: Each program site has staff certified in CPR & First Aid. Parents or guardians will be notified should your child become injured or sick. Please complete the waiver form with emergency contact information on your child's first day.

While we will have a water jug available at the parks that do not have a drinking fountain, parents are encouraged to send a water bottle (with their child's name on it).

PROPER ATTIRE: Dress your child according to the day's weather. Shirts and closed-toe shoes are required for participation. Sunscreen should be applied before arriving at the park.

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On hot days, consider having your child wear their bathing suit under their clothes and bring a towel for water games.

RULES TO PLAY BY: Please consider these rules for your child's participation in the program:

- Leave valuables, especially electronics, at home (the La Porte Park and Recreation Department and the City are not responsible for lost or stolen items).
- Show good sportsmanship and citizenship at all times.
- Respect others and their property.
- No foul play or foul language will be tolerated.
- Be attentive and follow directions from the program staff. All participants must follow the planned activities of the park leaders.
- Make new friends and be inclusive of all of the participants.

SPECIAL NEEDS: If your child has special needs, please contact the Park Office at (219) 326-9600 or e-mail Recreation Director Cole Smith at csmith1@cityoflaportein.gov. We will make every effort to accommodate every child who wishes to participate.

PROGRAM SITES AND HOURS

Koomler Park

Mondays & Wednesdays 9-11:30 a.m.

Tuesdays & Thursdays 1-3:30 p.m.

Allesee Park

Mondays & Wednesdays 1-3:30 p.m.

Tuesdays & Fridays 9-11:30 a.m.

Scott Field

Mondays & Thursdays 9-11:30 a.m.

Tuesdays & Fridays 1-3:30 p.m.

Rumley Park

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9-11:30 a.m.

Wednesdays & Fridays 1-3:30 p.m.

Ben Rees Park

Mondays & Thursdays 1-3:30 p.m.

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