

# WATSEKA PARK DISTRICT

## Where Fun Begins

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### WCHS Intern at the Office

Emily Braden is a senior at Watseka Community High School. She is currently working at the park district office as part of the WCHS Work Release Program. Emily will be gaining experience in a variety of different ways through various park district projects.

Emily is currently working on summer camp projects. She has also been delegated the responsibility of collecting and recording all of the Walking Club data.

The park district office and Emily are working hard to

make sure that she accomplishes several personal goals that she has set for herself with this work experience. Emily is learning time management skills and the art of multi-tasking several projects at once.

We are pleased to have Emily working with us here at the park district. She is an asset to our team.



### Youth Basketball 2008 Thank You

The 2008 Youth Basketball Season is officially over. This year we had 204 participants ranging from K-6th grades and 31 wonderful volunteer coaches. The 2008 season was the most difficult that we have experienced yet due to the unfavorable weather including snow, ice and rain.

We certainly appreciate all of your patience in dealing with the cancellations and rescheduling. Your help made the entire process smoother!

We look forward to 2009!



### Cheer Camp Returns

#### Don't miss this opportunity!

Cheer Command, INC of Mokena will be instructing a two-day cheer camp on Thursday, June 26th and Friday, June 27th from 9-3 in the gym at Wanda Kendall School. Cheer Camp is available to anyone between the ages of 5-17.

Participants will engage in stunting, jumping, sideline and floor cheers in a fun-filled, informative, professional and supervised setting.

**Space is limited...don't let this opportunity pass you by.** Registrations in this newsletter.

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# Upcoming Events at the Park District

March 27th-May 15th	6:00-8:00 p.m.	TBA	Bridge Again: Play of the Hand	Adults
March 31st-May 1st	5:30-6:30 6:30-7:30 p.m.	TBA	Tumbling	Ages 4-13
April 11th	1:00-3:00 p.m.	Lakeview Park	Flying 4 Kids	Family Event
April 11th	1:00-5:00 p.m.	TBA	Pet First Aid	All Ages Welcome
April 12th	8:00-Noon	TBA	Pet First Aid	All Ages Welcome
April 4th-May 23rd	6:00-7:00 p.m.	TBA	Dance Fever	Adults
April 13th	1:00 p.m.	Forrest Park	Aquafina Pitch, Hit and Run Contest	Ages 7-14
April 21st-April 25th	3:30-5:00 p.m.	TBA	Camp One-Earth Day Art	Ages 7-12
April 30th	5:00-6:30 p.m.	TBA	<b>Boy's Pirate Party</b>	Ages 5-8
May 5th-May 9th	3:30-5:00 p.m.	TBA	Camp Two- <b>Mother's Day Masterpiece</b>	Ages 7-12

May 10th	9:00-11:00 a.m.	TBA	<b>Hat's Off to Mom</b>	Mother/Daughter
May 13th	10:00-Noon	TBA	Places of the Past: Reading and Understanding Cemeteries	Adult
May 14th	10:00-Noon	Lakeview Park	Spring Play Day	Ages 3-5
June 9th-June 11th	1:00-2:30 p.m.	TBA	Camp Three- <b>Cartooning for Father's Day</b>	Ages 7-12
June 11	9:30-11:30 a.m.	TBA	Focus on Fiction Workshop	Adult
June 13th	9:00-11:00	Lakeview Park	Chalk It Up	Ages 5-12
June 18th	10:00-11:30 a.m.	Lakeview Park	Tykes on Trykes	Ages 3-5
June 18th	1:00-3:00 p.m.	TBA	CSI Kids	Ages 10-13
June 30th	2:00-4:00 p.m.	TBA	Birdfeeder Creations	Family Event

A registration form for these activities is included with this newsletter. The park district, locations, and instructors will in no way be held liable for any accidents or injuries incurred from these programs. Photos may be taken at these events and used for media promotions.



## Archery Classes

The park district offered the first ever Archery Program for area youth participants. The program instructed by Jim Askew was instructed at the small gym at Glenn Raymond School.

Participants were instructed on the importance of safety first and the proper techniques of bow shooting.

**The Archery Program was designed as a beginner's class** but was easily accommodated for higher skill levels.

The park district is eager to continue with this program and keep it growing.



## Aquafina Pitch, Hit and Run Contest

The park district will be hosting the Aquafina Pitch, Hit and Run Contest for boys and girls between the ages of 7-14 on Sunday, April 13th at 1:00 p.m. at Forrest Park in Watseka. Participants must be **pre-registered, registration is limited so don't delay.**

Participants must bring a copy of their birth certificate on the day of the competition or send a copy in with registration. Registrations are available at the park district office or by calling the office.

# Summer Camps 2008

Summer camp was overflowing with new experiences for all of the participants last year. We toured the museum, visited a local long term care facility and played endless hours of games while mastering crafts and projects.

**This year's camps will offer all that and more. We** will work with you and your budget again this year. We will be filing paperwork with CCRS again to help defray summer camp costs to those that qualify. Please speak with Sherry at the office to get your paperwork started early.

Summer camps will begin June 16th and run each week ending on the 8th of August. We will not have camp on the 4th of July. Camps will begin at 8:30 in the morning and end at 3:15 in the afternoon. Children ages 6 thru 12 are invited to attend. The camp schedule allows children to sign up by the week for camps they are especially interested in or they may sign up for all of the camps, which is a total of 8 weeks.



## June 16-20 Worker B's

This camp will feature activities designed around career choices. Sounds boring...but guaranteed to keep your child involved and active. Children will try their hands at a variety of careers...so you want to be ROCKSTAR?



## June 23-27 Can 2 Do

This camp is all about being responsible. Learn about being home alone, taking care of others, budgeting your \$ and your time. Responsibility is the key. Join us for this new camp.



## June 27 Tent Tune Up (Camp is \$15 for 2)

Last year we had fun even with the rain. There were some badminton challenges and messy smores but all in all it was a good time. This camp is for children and parents to spend some quality time together under the stars. There will be hotdogs, games and more. Bring your tent and lawn chairs and spend the night with us.



## June 30-July 3 American Made

This camp will feature American pride in the red, white and blue. Lots of activities and fun. Bathing suits are appropriate for this camp.



## July 7-11 Carnival Camp

Ever think about being in a carnival? This is your chance. Everyday is carnival day and Friday the children plan everything. Camp will be messy!



## July 14-18 Sport Mania Camp

This camp is all about moving around and having fun. Emphasis will be placed on good sportsmanship and playing your best. Lots of games and a few new game twists. This camp is the workout!



## July 21-25 4 N Sink/CSI Kids

Crime scene investigation is more than just television. Join us as we unravel the mysteries of several cases using actual scientific methods with lots of fun mixed in.



## July 28-Aug. 1 Fit, Fine and Funny

This camp centers on activities that keep us fit while incorporating things that keep us all around healthy. Very light hearted camp with lots of physical things to do. Tennis shoes and bathing suits are welcome at this camp.



## August 4-8 Outside, Outback, Outrageous

Summer is over! What a great time to look around, **goof off and challenge the outdoors, let's go outback and be outrageous. Lot's of O's to go around! Fun, crafts and games with some great treats thrown in!**

Registrations for summer camps are included in the newsletter. Any child can attend all of the summer camps or a combination of camps or a single summer camp, whichever fits more conveniently into your personal schedule. All summer camps will include lunch and a snack. Children need to bring a water bottle with their name on it. Children should eat breakfast before coming to camp.

The weekly prices for summer camp are :

\$55.00 per week in-district/\$1.57 per hour

\$65.00 per week out-of-district/\$1.85 per hour

The price for all 8 weeks of summer camp is:

\$375.00 in-district/ \$1.26 per hour

\$450.00 out-of-district/1.52 per hour

The park district is able to bill Child Care Resources for children that fit certain income requirements. Payment plans are available for children interested in the entire 8-week program. For more information **contact the park district office. Don't let finances stop you** from enrolling your child in the summer camp program. We will work with you.



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Stay up to date about the latest events and registration deadlines by visiting us at [www.watsekaparks.org](http://www.watsekaparks.org).

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## A Note from ED

Your child will be bringing a packet of information home from school concerning park district activities. Unit 9 and the other area schools help us so much by forwarding information home so that everyone can be informed about park district activities. We really appreciate their help!

Please take a minute to look over the information. We are offering several programs that your child might be interested in some of which have limited space so early registration is really encouraged.

Summer camp information will be included in the packet which might assist some of you in the event that childcare is a difficulty for you during the summer months or you would like to have your child

involved with other children in a social setting for the summer.

Fall soccer registrations will also be included in this packet. (I know fall seems a long way off, but not for soccer!) Soccer camp registrations will be in the packet as well.

There will probably be a few other registration forms so please take a moment to look these things over with your child. If you are concerned about payment issues, call me, we can work together to make these programs possible for your child.

Enjoy your park district!

Sherry Johnson, ED