



NRPA Members Celebrate Park & Recreation Month

How parks around the country are celebrating this July:

Corpus Christi, Texas

The Morale Committee of Corpus Christi is celebrating July Parks and Recreation Month with several large events, including a Family Picnic Celebration at a local park and swimming pool, with a BBQ, softball game, horseshoe tournament, and kid's activities, and a City of Corpus Christi Parks and Recreation Appreciation Family Night with the city's local semi-professional baseball team.

Franklin Park, Illinois – West Suburban Special Recreation Association

Franklin Park is celebrating with "Party in the Park" on Saturday, July 11. The day includes activities throughout the park and a free evening Private Pool Party for families. This event is a great opportunity for families and their loved ones with disabilities to meet board members and celebrate summer.

Lafayette, Colorado

Lafayette is celebrating with a fun activity every day in July. Events include self-led scavenger hunts, free body combat classes, fishing at Waneka Lake, community picnics, guided walking and biking tours, paddleboat and canoe cruises, bilingual story time, free gymnastics classes and a concert series at Waneka Lake Park.

Northglenn, Colorado

Northglenn is proclaiming July 4th, 2009 as the official "Play Day" in their community. In honor of their status as the first Playful City USA in the state of Colorado, they have expanded their annual July 4th Family Festival. The day begins with a pancake breakfast hosted by area boy scouts, a bake sale coordinated by the Northglenn Senior Organization, and a Bike, Trike & Wheelchair parade. Throughout the day there are food vendors, face painters, paddle boats, and many fun activities for kids, including a no-cost "Water Works" activity area, complete with pumps, funnels, fountains, sprayers, pipes, tubes and connectors. The day comes to a close with a ceremony honoring individuals serving in our military, a live band, and fireworks over the lake.

Prince George's County, Maryland

Prince Georges' County is introducing Safe Summer, a free late-night recreation program provides young people ages 12-24 with a safe haven after dark. From June 22 to August 22, more than 25 community facilities will be open late from 10 p.m. to midnight to provide teens and young adults with places where they can hang out with friends, explore new recreational pursuits, and learn about keeping themselves and their communities safe.

Tracy, California

Tracey is creating a video that will highlight all of the free and lost-cost things to do in their community throughout the summer and all year long. The video will be shown as a kick off to their "Movies in the Plaza" free series, sponsored by Comcast, as well as on YouTube, local cable access channels, the city's web site, and it will be presented to a variety of groups throughout the community.

Washington, DC – Naval Support Activity Washington (NSAW), United States Navy

On Sunday, July 19, 2009 NSAW will hold their first annual Celebrate Parks and Recreation Month day at Liberty Backyard Olympics with a homerun derby, a punt, pass and kick competition, a sand volleyball tournament, horseshoes and ultimate Frisbee. The Liberty program plans, programs, and implements trips, events, and other recreation and leisure activities for the E1-E6 Single and Unaccompanied Active Duty Military.

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