



# SPAR eNEWS

“Know the Happenings in Shreveport’s Public Assembly and Recreation Department”

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### Recreation



For SPAR and Robinson Film Center Movies & Moonbeams schedules and previews, visit [www.mySPAR.org](http://www.mySPAR.org)

### Athletics



Congratulations to all the **SPAR 2011 Summer Midnight Basketball** Champions

#### 1st Place Division Champions:

- 10yr. - Andrew Currie Lady Ballers
- 12yr - G-Men Elite
- 14yr - Port City Stingers
- 16yr - Renegades United
- 18yr - The Lake
- 24yr - Southern Hills Hornets

Special thanks to our workshop presenters Ron Anderson, LLC, Gingerbread House, KCS Railroad, LA Cancer Control Partnership, Reach for the Stars, First Tee, Shreveport Fire Dept., United States Army, Philadelphia Center and Shreveport Police Dept.

**SPAR Youth Football League** registration continues through August 19. Coaches mandatory in-service training in August. Schedule list at [www.mySPAR.org](http://www.mySPAR.org). Season begins September 10.

**SPAR Adult Softball** team entry deadline is August 26. Coaches meeting is on October 1. Season begins September 6. Entry fee is \$175.

For more info call 318.673.7748 or 318.673.7749 Or visit [www.mySPAR.org](http://www.mySPAR.org).

### Shotokan Karate at SPAR



The Shreveport Karate Club (Est. 1961) offers Shotokan style karate classes at A. B. Palmer Park, 547 E. 79th Street & Line Avenue. Shotokan karate is one of the most popular martial arts practiced today. It has its roots in the ancient Chinese martial arts, and can even be traced back to the Shoalin temple. The classes are held on Monday & Wednesday 5: 30 PM for beginners and 6:00 PM for advanced students. Men, women and children 8 years of age and older may participate. The instructors are Glenn Taylor, 4th Degree Black Belt, Deb Kutz, 3rd Degree Black Belt, Rick Kutz, 3rd Degree Black Belt and Dee Peterson, 3rd Degree Black Belt. All belt testing done by Mr. Takayuki Mikami, 8th Degree Black Belt, Chief Instructor, All South Karate Federation. For more information call Glenn Taylor at 318.751.7992 or Rick Kutz at 318.742.8843.

### Youth Programs



SPAR'S Summer Camp ends on August 12<sup>th</sup>. The After School Program starts up afterwards and is filling up fast, on a first come, first served basis. Register your child now before all spots are filled. SPAR's After School Program includes the Youth After School Program for ages 6-11 at all centers and the Teen After School Program for ages 12-17 at designated centers.

SPAR's After School Program provides our SPAR Youth and Teens homework assistance/tutoring, fitness activities, art, dance and other fun and educational activities. Snacks are provided. Our program offers a safe haven for our youth to focus on education, recreation and life skills.

Stop by one of our centers or visit our website at [www.mySPAR.org](http://www.mySPAR.org) for a registration form or more information.

### Upcoming Events

Aug 5 ▪ Movies & Moonbeams Grown Ups Riverview Park 8:30pm

Aug 6, 13, 20, 27 Farmers Market Festival Plaza 7:00am

Aug 12 ▪ SPAR Summer Playground Camp Ends

Aug 15 ▪ SPAR After School Program Begins All Centers M - F 3:30 - 6pm

Aug 19 ▪ Movies & Moonbeams The Longshots Hattie Perry Park 8:30pm

For everything SPAR, visit us @ [www.mySPAR.org](http://www.mySPAR.org).

SPAR “For A Lifetime of Fun!”

For all Shreveport/Bossier City events check out:

[shreveportbossierfunguide.com](http://shreveportbossierfunguide.com)



### Therapeutic



Therapeutic's Adaptive Summer Program concluded with an Inclusion Carnival at Southern Hills. The event featured various carnival activities: Bean Bag Toss, Ski ball, Cover the Dot, Ring Around the Pop, Cake Walk, Musical Chairs and Spin the Bottle. Participants received free snow cones, popcorn, cotton candy and nachos.

The 2nd Annual Unified Golf Clinic was held on July 25<sup>th</sup> in partnership with Special Olympics and The First Tee. The clinic offered 55 disabled participants the opportunity to learn golf skills.

Therapeutic's Adaptive Day Programs will resume August 29 at Southern Hills, David Raines, Lakeside and Airport Park. For days and times visit [www.mySPAR.org](http://www.mySPAR.org).

### Senior Happenings



In July SPAR Seniors continued making pictorial pillows and plates for family reunions, holidays and anniversaries. Lakeside Seniors worked on quilts for the winter months and to provide to the sick and shut-ins. Bilberry Seniors made original outfits for youth to model in an upcoming fashion show. Our Seniors also taught youth how to play Beanbag Baseball. The winners of the following games will remain a secret.

The Seniors braved the heat and visited the Gator and Friends Zoo in Greenwood, where they saw a host of animals, including alligators, ostriches, bulls, donkeys, ducks, deer, miniature ponies and other exotic animals. They really enjoyed the trip despite the heat.

New computer classes will resume on August 22. The SPAR Seniors Summer Health Fair will be held at Valencia Community Center on August 19 from 9am - 12 Noon.

For more information on senior programs, call Camille Webb, Senior Coordinator, at 318.673.7845 or visit [www.mySPAR.org](http://www.mySPAR.org) and click on “Senior Programs”.