



# SPAR eNEWS

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

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### Therapeutic



SPAR interns Laqisha Asberry, Eric Johnson, Atrayeous Lewis and Andrekia Stringfellow will be completing a 13 week internship. Our SPAR interns are Grambling State University students majoring in Leisure Studies with a concentration in Therapeutic Recreation. They have been busy working on client assessments, progress notes, daily notes and community reintegration.

Therapeutic Recreation clients held their monthly cooking class on September 16 at Southern Hills. The benefit of the cooking classes is to increase hand-eye coordination, fine motor skills, social skills and gross motor skills. Many of the therapeutic clients have deficits in the those areas and the role of the Recreation Therapist is to involve clients in activities that will improve those skills as well as having fun because “Fun is Therapeutic!!”

### Athletics



SPAR youth football runs through the first Saturday in November and culminates with the Junior Independence Bowl at Independence Stadium.



Our girls' basketball program begins on October 8 and conclude with the championship games in mid November.



On the adult side, our Fall softball program began on September 8 with games concluding in mid October.



Men's Fall Basketball entry deadline is October 30. Entry fee \$200. This year includes a 35 and older division.

For more Athletics information call: 673-7871 or visit [www.myspar.org](http://www.myspar.org)

### Model & Shine in 2009



SPAR and Quintessence Personal Development & Elegance present Model & Shine in 2009 for ages 7 - 13. The classes include Runway Modeling, Skin Care & Make Up, Healthful Eating, Fashion Designing and Sewing. The participants will learn self esteem and elegance.

Classes run through November 18, 2009, Monday - Friday, 4:00—5:00pm at Lakeside (673-7812), David Raines (673-5342) and Southern Hills (673-7818) Community Centers. A Style Show will conclude the classes.

For more information call the above centers. Centers contact information at [www.myspar.org](http://www.myspar.org).

### Youth Programs



SPAR's After-School Program still has a few openings. Visit your neighborhood community center to register. Enrollees receive homework daily. SPAR provides a structured, safe environment. Preparations for the SPAR City-Wide Halloween Parties on October 30 have begun at 15 SPAR centers throughout the city. The centers' staffs are designing their décor for spooky parties and “haunted” houses.

Register now for your center's Harvest Camp before all spots for the Thanksgiving break camp are filled. Harvest Camps at each center will be held 8:00am - 6:00pm, November 23-25, 2009.

### Upcoming Events

October 2 • Ghost Rider (Riverview Park) 7:00 PM

October 3 • 10 Red River Revel (Festival Plaza) 11:00 AM

October 6 • Night Out

October 16 • Bettlejuice (Andrew Currie Park) 7:00 PM

October 30 • City Wide Halloween Parties @ 15 Recreation Centers 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Happy Halloween!



[www.myspar.org](http://www.myspar.org)

For all Shreveport/Bossier events check out:

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



### Recreation



SPAR, Robinson Film Center and FOX33 will conclude the 2009 Movies & Moonbeams movie presentations at SPAR facilities with two movies in the month of October. On October 2, Ghost Rider will be shown at Riverview Park on Clyde Fant Parkway downtown. On October 16, Bettlejuice will be featured at Andrew Currie Park located at 1600 Norma Street.

This year's movies have attracted audiences upwards of 350 to enjoy the safe family entertainment provided by SPAR. Mayor Cedric B. Glover came out on a couple of occasions to enjoy movies with the large movie going audiences.

### Senior Happenings



After their summer break, the Seniors are really "Fall"ing back into the swing of things. On Grandparents' Day, 125 Grandparents were honored at Randall T.

Moore Senior Center. Seniors are making decorative "copper and foil" art pictures and painting and decorating ornaments, plaster and small figurines for the Christmas tree and centers decorations. Beautiful arts & crafts objects the Seniors are creating includes crocheted cell phone covers and house shoes (Hattie Perry); Michael Jackson glass plates (Bilberry); large warm quilts (Lakeside, Bilberry and Airport); and ceramic and jewelry pieces (Lakeside and A. B. Palmer).

The "Around the Word Tea" was a great success at Airport Park. The Seniors decorated, gave history, prepared native

food and dressed in native attire for the different countries represented.

SPAR's Silver Stars Cheerleaders will perform at half-time at Independence Stadium on Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. through October 13.

There were 60 students who graduated from the various SPAR senior computer classes. Congratulations are in order for the seniors who conquered their fears and decided to become computer literate. Well done seniors! Among the graduates was Shreveport City Councilman Ron Webb. See all graduates listed on [www.myspar.org](http://www.myspar.org)