



SPAR eNEWS

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

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Therapeutic



Therapeutic Recreation’s 1st Annual Victory Games were held September 9 at Lakeside. The event, a collaboration between SPAR’s Therapeutic Recreation and Overton Brooks VA Hospital Mental Health Intensive Program, targeted veterans from the Shreveport-Bossier and surrounding areas. Each veteran was recognized for service to our country.

Therapeutic Recreation’s next event will be held October 28, at Riverview Hall. The Therapeutic Halloween Extravaganza is geared toward persons with disabilities of all ages.

For additional info on Therapeutic Recreation services, contact Germaine Williams, Therapeutic Superintendent at 673.7873 or visit www.myspar.org.

Athletics



SPAR youth football is in full swing. It culminates with the Junior Independence Bowl at Independence Stadium.

The NFL Punt, Pass and Kick competition for boys and girls 6-15 will be held 3pm October 10 at Independence Stadium.



Girls’ basketball season begins on October 11 and concludes with the championship games in mid November.



Men’s Fall Basketball entry deadline is October 29. Coaches meeting on November 4. Season begins on November 8. Entry fee \$200.

Industrial Basketball League organizational meeting on October 4. Coaches meeting November 14. Entry deadline November 19. Season begins December 5. Entry fee \$300.

For more info call 673.7749 or visit www.myspar.org

SPAR Pottery Classes



SPAR offers pottery classes to the public. The classes are held at Wildwood Park, 7401 Jewella Avenue. The pottery classes are taught by experienced potters and provide the essential tools needed for pottery including kiln, potter’s wheel, etc. SPAR has a newly designed and fully equipped potter’s studio where the classes are held. Pottery is one of the world’s oldest crafts. For more information, contact Jan Hirsch (Tues & Thurs 8am – Noon Studio Time) at 518-7113; Sheila Fischer (Mon, Tues & Thurs) 1-4pm Studio Time) at 865-1099 or Brenda Snyder (Tues 5:30 – 8:30pm Studio Time and Thurs 6-8pm Beginning Hand Building) at 208-2044. Or visit the SPAR website at www.myspar.org and click on the Pottery Classes link.

Youth Programs



SPAR’s After-School Program still has a few openings. Call or visit your neighborhood community center to check on openings and to register. Enrollees receive homework assistance daily. SPAR provides a structured, safe environment. Professional instruction in tennis, weightlifting and soccer is offered at selected sites. Dance, fitness and art instruction is also offered.

Preparations for the SPAR City-Wide Halloween Parties on October 29 have begun at 15 SPAR centers throughout the city. The centers’ staffs are designing their décor for spooky parties at the “haunted” houses. The ghosts and goblins will be out in force.

Upcoming Events

October 1 • Hannah Montana Riverview Park 7:00 PM

October 2 - 9 • Red River Revel Festival Plaza 11:00 AM

October 5 • National Night Out

October 15 • Wallace and the Curse of the Were-Rabbit Valencia Park 7:00 PM

October 29 • City Wide Halloween Parties 15 Community Centers 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Happy Halloween!



www.myspar.org

For all Shreveport/Bossier events check out:

shreveportbossierfunguide.com

Recreation



SPAR and Robinson Film Center will conclude the 2010 Movies & Moonbeams season at SPAR facilities with two movies in the month of October. On October 1, Hannah Montana The Movie will be shown at Riverview Park on Clyde Fant Parkway downtown. On October 15, Wallace and the Curse of the Were-Rabbit will be featured at Valencia Park located at 1800 Viking Drive.

This 2010 season concludes SPAR’s 2nd year of offering family oriented movies that have attracted huge audiences. SPAR thanks its many supporter for another great outdoor movie season. Come out and enjoy the last two movies with your family!

Senior Happenings



SPAR Seniors were really “Falling” into the swing of things in September. We honored 125 grandparents at Bilberry Park. The honored grandparents re-

ceived a hearty breakfast, certificates of appreciation and were entertained in song by Joe Cornelius of A.B. Palmer Park, Lillie Bedford of Airport Park and the Hattie Perry Park Choir.

The Seniors are currently quilting and making Christmas gifts at the centers. Bill Cockrell climaxed the month with a fantastic National Family Day Program. Mayor Cedric Glover was the guest speaker and was introduced by First Lady Veronica Glover.

The Senior Computer Class graduation was held on September 28th at Hattie

Perry Park. New computer classes began on September 27th.

All Seniors and family members are invited to the choir musical review at Riverview Hall on Oct 14th, from 5:30-8pm featuring A. B. Palmer, Airport and Hattie Perry Park Choirs.

SPAR invites all Shreveport senior citizens to join our senior programs. We offer a great daily alternative to sitting at home along. For more information visit our website at www.myspar.org (Click on Senior Programs) or call Camille Webb, Senior Coordinator at 318.673.7845.