



SPAR eNEWS

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

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Therapeutic



The Therapeutic Division hosted the 4th Annual Adaptive Basketball Banquet on August 15, 2009 at Southern Hills Community Center. Thirty disabled athletes received trophies for their dedication and good sportsmanship. The Program coach (Carol Morgan), team coach (Leveana Little) and team parent (Tonya Weaver) all received certificates of recognition for their hard work and dedication. SPAR teams recognized were: SPAR Bulldogs, SPAR Jaquars, SPAR Magic, SPAR Tigers, SPAR Lakers and SPAR Rockets.

The 4th Annual Therapeutic Adaptive Basketball Fall League begins September 26, 2009 through December 5, 2009. Games will be played on Saturdays at Querbes Community Center from 10am-12 noon. This program is geared toward individuals with a physical and/or mental disability of all ages. A parents' meeting is on September 3rd at 6:00pm at Southern Hills Community Center.

Athletics



The SPAR youth football season kicks off on Saturday, September 12 for 5-6 year old flag to 12 year old tackle. It

will run through the first Saturday in November and culminate with the Junior Independence Bowl at the Independence Stadium.



Our girls' basketball program will begin on October 8 and conclude with the championship games in mid

November.



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



Men's Fall Basketball Organizational meeting to be held on September 10.

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. 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, 751.7662 or Rick Kutz, 742.8843

Youth Programs



SPAR's After-School program is filling up rapidly. Now is the time to get your child registered before all spots are taken. Professional instructors are adding dance, fitness and art for the energetic young minds. Homework isn't such a weary task with a snack and tutoring help from the SPAR staff. Each center has computers, as well as books and study aids donated by the community. The SPAR After-School program offers a safe, healthy, and motivating environment for our students to spend those first few hours after the bell rings to finish their schoolwork, learn new skills and have some plain ole fun. Register at your local center now before its too late!

Upcoming Events

September 4 ▪ Bolt Riverview Park 7:30 PM

September 7 ▪ Labor Day SPAR Facilities Closed

September 18 ▪ The Longshots Valencia Park 7:30 PM

October 3-10 ▪ Red River Revel Festival Plaza



For SPAR Programs and Events visit www.myspar.org

For all Shreveport/Bossier events check out:



Recreation



SPAR's administration offers a special thank you to the staff of our community centers for a job well done during SPAR's 2009 summer camp. The staffs' exceptional performance was reflected by the success of summer camps at each of the 15 community centers . More than 1000 youth were served! We appreciate the high level of professional and ethical conduct and standards you displayed throughout the summer. Your hard work produced many smiling faces this summer and gave our youth an exciting, educational and safe environment. The kids thank you. Job well done!

Senior Happenings



Summer is almost gone, the grandkids have returned to school and our Seniors are getting back into the swing of things. They are making their ceramic pieces for Thanksgiving and Christmas to give at nursing homes , hospitals and

as Christmas gifts. They are also continuing to create beautiful jewelry pieces.

Airport Park and A. B. Palmer Choirs combined for their first Musical Review on August 27 at Riverview Hall. Ms. Brenda McCray Richardson was honored for over five years of service as Directress/Organist for SPAR. Preparations are being made for the Second Annual Grandparents Tea at Randle T. Moore Senior Center on September 11. As usual the Seniors are having a blast socializing, exercising, computing and creating beautiful arts & crafts.

Graduation for the current computer classes will be held on September 29, 2009 at Valencia Community Center. New computer classes will begin on September 28, 2009. Registration for the new classes will begin on September 8, 2009 at the community centers.

For more information about SPAR's Senior Programs call Camille Webb at 673.7845 or visit www.myspar.org.