



SPAR eNEWS

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

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Therapeutic



It's time for Therapeutic's four Adaptive Day Programs to restart. Space is limited and registration is required. Our Day Programs are located at Airport Park Community Center on every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00am-12:00pm, Lakeside Community Center on every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00am-12:00pm, David Raines Community Center on every Wednesday from 10:00am-12:00pm and Southern Hills Community Center Monday-Friday from 8:30am-2:30pm. The Day Program at Southern Hills is full, but the other three locations have limited openings.

Therapeutic's next event (Victory Games) will be held on September 9, 2010 at Lakeside Community Center-10:00am- 1:00pm. This event is geared towards all veterans. Therapeutic Recreation Division partnered with Overton Brooks Veterans Hospital for this event.

Athletics

Men & Women Softball



Team Entry Deadline: August 27
Roster Additions Deadline: August 31
Mandatory Coaches Mtg: September 2
Season Begins (Cargill): September 07
The entry fee is \$175.00 for non ASA teams and \$150.00 for ASA teams.

Fall Adult Basketball



Organizational Meeting: September 9
Entry Deadline: October 29, 2010
Mandatory Coaches Mtg. November 4
Season Begins: Week of November 8
The entry fee is \$200.00 per team
Visit www.mySPAR.org for all athletics.

Art Classes at SPAR



Rebecca Francis, an award winning artist, offers art classes at Randall T. Moore Center, 3101 Fairfield Avenue, each Friday from 10:00am - Noon. After receiving a Bachelors Degree in Art from Louisiana Tech, Rebecca taught art in Louisiana and Oklahoma schools, including high school and college level classes. The art classes are billed as “Artful Acrylic Classes”.

These art classes are two hours of instructional painting. A limited palette provides the student the practice of mixing colors. Basic guidelines for composition and color arrangement flow as we paint together. For more info call Rebecca at 318.572.8376. You can also visit Rebecca's website at www.rebeccasportraits.com.

Youth Programs



SPAR's After-School program is filling up fast. Now is the time to get your child registered before all spots are taken. Professional instructors are providing soccer, weightlifting, tennis and art. Homework assistance and snacks are provided by our SPAR staff. Our neighborhood centers have 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! First come, first served.

Upcoming Events

- September 3 ▪ Bedtime Stories Riverview Park 7:30 PM
- September 4 ▪ Farmers Market Festival Plaza 7 AM
- September 4 ▪ Port City Classic Independence Stadium 6 PM
- September 6 ▪ Labor Day SPAR Facilities Closed
- September 17 ▪ WALL-E David Raines Park 7:30 PM



Remember September 11

For all Shreveport/Bossier events check out:

shreveportbossierfunguide.com



Recreation



A special thanks goes to each of our staff members at SPAR's 15 community centers for another outstanding job during SPAR's 2010 summer camps at the centers. You provided exceptional service and attention to our SPAR Youth . More than 1000 youth were served! We appreciate the enthusiastic and professional performance daily that was displayed throughout the summer. Your hard work produced many smiling faces this summer and gave our youth an exciting, educational and safe experience. The parents and kids thank you as well. Job well done!

And as usual no time to rest on your laurels. SPAR's After-School programs started with the beginning of the fall school year.

Senior Happenings



Our SPAR Seniors had a well attended Health Fair at Lakeside Park on August 20, where they received critical information on current updated health issues. Various door prizes were awarded to many lucky guests for the event. Beginning August 30, all Senior Centers will be adding Step Aerobics to their exercise schedule. Our new theme is: "Fit-for-Life All Year Long". Call your Senior Center for more information.

They can't wait for Fall to start, where the SPAR Seniors are making Halloween and Fall wreaths. Their next event will be Grandparents Day, which will be from 10-12noon at Bilberry Park on Sept. 10, 2010.

New computer classes for seniors begin on September 27, 2010. If interested in attending a class, fill out and leave an Enrollment Sheet with the Senior Coordinator at the community center where you would like to attend the classes. Classes offered includes Basic Computer Classes, Advanced Computer Classes, Keyboarding/Typing 101, Microsoft Office Classes and Crafty Computer 101. The Basic Computer Classes and the Keyboarding/Typing 101 classes do not require prior experience. Now you have no excuse for not being computer literate. Enroll in a computer class now!