

# WAUKEGAN **P**ARK DISTRICT

## PRESS RELEASE

**Free For All at the Field House Sports and Fitness Center  
During Waukegan School Teacher Strike  
Monday through Friday  
10am-4pm  
Field House Sports and Fitness Center  
800 N. Baldwin Avenue, Waukegan**

**Waukegan, IL (October 3, 2014)** – The Waukegan Park District will provide a **Free For All** at the Field House Sports and Fitness Center from 10am-4pm, Monday through Friday during the Waukegan Public Schools teacher strike. The **Free For All** will continue as long as the strike continues.

To take advantage of the **Free For All**, students must present their Waukegan School District student ID when entering the facility. Children under the age of 11 can participate, but must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. To receive the free admission, children must have checked in by 4pm; students checking in after 4pm will pay the regular daily fee of \$4 per resident for students 17 years old and under. Students 18 and older will pay a \$5 resident fee. Youth, ages 16 and older, are able to access the Fitness Center at no charge during this time as well. A waiver must be signed by a parent/guardian each day for students to use the Fitness Center.

The We Have Off (W.H.O.) Program for ages six through 12 will be held at the Belvidere Recreation Center in a safe, supervised environment. Activities include arts and crafts, sports, indoor and outdoor games and trips to the Field House Sports and Fitness Center for wall climbing, batting cages and gym

play. To accommodate working parents, the program will run Monday through Friday, from 7:30am until 6:00pm. The cost for each single-day session is \$30 per child for Waukegan Park District residents or \$35 per child for nonresidents. Sibling discounts are available. Children should bring a sack lunch, water bottle and an afternoon snack each day.

### **About the Waukegan Park District**

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 48 sites and more than 735 acres of land, including the 18-hole Bonnie Brook and 9-hole Greenshire Golf Courses. Properties are managed to the highest environmental and conservation standards. Facilities operated by the district include the Field House Sports and Fitness Center, the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, the Waukegan SportsPark, the Waukegan Skate Park, the Waukegan BMX Track, recreational centers, an outdoor swimming pool, disc golf course, dog exercise area, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, and sports courts including basketball and tennis. A full range of programs and services are offered year round for all ages, from infants to seniors as well as special needs populations. Healthy lifestyles, wellness initiatives, and a connection with the outdoors and nature are integrated throughout programs, services, and special events. Cultural events are provided by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, the Bowen Park Theatre Company, and the Waukegan History Museum. There is something for everyone! The award-winning District employs 59 full-time and over 250 part-time, year round, seasonal, and temporary employees. The District is a member of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD), and Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA). The district maintains national accreditation from the NRPA Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), the Illinois Association of Park District (IAPD) Distinguished Agency accreditation and the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) accreditation and sustains a Level A Loss Control Program. The district was a NRPA Gold Medal Finalist in 2012 and 2013, and awarded the NRPA National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2013.

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