

WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Waukegan Park District Announces Summer Camp Beginning Monday, June 15

Waukegan, Illinois (May 26, 2020) –The Waukegan Park District is happy to announce its summer camp experience: the Summer Fun Club. The Summer Fun Club will be offered in four two week sessions, from Monday, June 15 to Friday, August 14.

The Summer Fun Club will follow all requirements set by the Restore Illinois plan, the Illinois Department of Public Health, and the Department of Children and Family Services, including smaller group sizes, separate room locations between camp groups, increased sanitation practices, face coverings when needed, and social distancing restrictions.

Registration for the Summer Fun Club will be available beginning on Wednesday, June 3. Due to the need to keep groups separate and provide indoor shelter for each group, spaces will be limited.

Information regarding the Summer Fun Club, including fees, schedules, and registration forms, will be made available at waukeganparks.org/funclub and additional information or questions can be directed to Javi Martinez at jmartinez@waukeganparks.org, (847) 360-4706 or Jen Dumas at jdumas@waukeganparks.org, (847) 360-4705.

Waukegan Park District Board President Jeremiah Johnson said, “the Summer Fun Club will be a unique summer camp for the children in our community. Our caring staff is working to provide an enriching experience while keeping everyone safe.”

Waukegan Park District Executive Director Jay Lerner stated, “The health and safety of our participants and staff is our top priority. The Summer Fun Club will offer a fun experience for children and we will continue to explore opportunities to provide recreation and leisure programs as national, state, and local guidelines allow.”

About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 50 properties and more than 737 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, Fitness and Aquatics Center, the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, the Waukegan’s Greg Petry SportsPark, the Waukegan Skate Park, the Waukegan BMX Track, recreational centers, disc golf course, dog exercise area and agility course, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, splash pads, and sports courts including basketball, tennis and pickleball. 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, and the Waukegan History Museum. There is something for everyone! The award-

winning District employs 63 full-time and over 230 part-time, 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), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) Distinguished Agency accreditation and Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) accreditation and maintains a Level A Loss Control Program. The District has received Government Finance Officer Association awards for Distinguished Budget Presentation and Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting for eight consecutive years. The district was awarded the NRPA National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2013 and named a NRPA Gold Medal Finalist in 2012, 2013, and 2019.

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