
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

Waukegan Park District Announces Before & After School Experience (B.A.S.E.)

Waukegan, Illinois (July 22, 2021) – The Waukegan Park District is now accepting applications for the Before & After School Experience (B.A.S.E.) which will be offered on weekdays from Monday, August 16, 2021 until Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at the Jane Addams Center, located at 95 Jack Benny Drive in Bowen Park. Open to students from kindergarten to fifth grade, the unique day care program will engage students in safe and enriching activities, including arts, crafts, sports, and more.

B.A.S.E. will follow the Waukegan Public Schools' academic calendar and will be open for students with early or late starts and releases at the following times:

- Before School Program (Early Start): 7am to 8:30am for \$165/month
- Before School Program (Late Start): 7am to 9am for \$175/month
- After School Program (Early Release): 3:30pm to 6pm for \$185/month
- After School Program (Late Release): 4pm to 6pm for \$175/month

Transportation to and from the school is available for all participants attending Waukegan Public Schools. A discount will be applied for siblings and financial assistance is offered. More details, including the application and fees, are available at waukeganparks.org/base.

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About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 53 properties and more than 742 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, Jack Benny Center for the Arts, Waukegan's Greg Petry SportsPark, Waukegan Skate Park, BMX Track, SplashZone, Percussion Playground, 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. We offer something for everyone!

The District is a member of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD), Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA) and the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA). The District employs 64 full-time and nearly

200 part-time, seasonal, and temporary employees and is recognized by the IPRA as an Exceptional Workplace.

Nationally accredited by the NRPA Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) and State accredited through the IAPD Distinguished Agency Accreditation. The District has received Government Finance Officer Association (GFOA) awards for Distinguished Budget Presentation and Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting for ten consecutive years and received the coveted GFOA Triple Crown Award recognizing the District's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, Popular Annual Financial Reporting and Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for 2019. The Waukegan Park District was awarded the NRPA National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2013 and named a Gold Medal Finalist in 2012, 2013, 2019, and 2021.

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