
WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

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

Waukegan, Illinois (July 18, 2022) – 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 15, 2022 until Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at the Belvidere Recreation Center, located at 412 S. Lewis Avenue in Corrine J. Rose 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, games, sports, and more. Students will also have time to complete their homework assignments.

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

- Before School Program (Early Start): 7am to 8:30am for \$175/month
- Before School Program (Late Start): 7am to 9am for \$190/month
- After School Program (Early Release): 3:30pm to 6pm for \$195/month
- After School Program (Late Release): 4pm to 6pm for \$185/month

Transportation to and from the school will be provided to all participants attending Waukegan Public Schools. A discount will be applied for families with siblings. More information, including the application, is available at waukeganparks.org/base.

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About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the Waukegan Park District (WPD) 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 WPD include the Field House Sports, Fitness and Aquatics Center, 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 need populations. Healthy lifestyles, wellness initiatives, and a connection with the outdoors and nature are integrated throughout programs, services, and special events. Arts and cultural activities are provided by the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, and the Waukegan History Museum. We offer something for everyone!

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 WPD employs 66 full-time and 290 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 WPD has received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Triple Crown Award for receiving the GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award, and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. The WPD was awarded the NRPA National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2013, and was named a Gold Medal Finalist in 2012, 2013, 2019, 2021 and 2022.

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