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ACTIVITY GUIDE

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The SWPRD Board of Commissioners meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Meeting Room, South Whidbey Parks & Recreation offices, 5475 Maxwellton Road, Langley. Commissioners are:

**LINDA KAST • JIM PORTER • MATT SIMMS
ALLISON TAPERT • DON WOOD**

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the South Whidbey Parks & Recreation District is to provide all residents and visitors in the district a variety of recreational activities and facilities. This should be fun and safe and be well integrated into our island community and environment. It should also be educational and healthful, providing opportunities for individuals and our community to play well together. It is our mission to best achieve this through community participation.

WE MOVED

The Park offices and many of the SWPRD's programs have moved to what was formerly the South Whidbey Community Health Services Building, located at 5475 Maxwellton Road, Langley.

4 WAYS TO REGISTER

BY MAIL

Send completed registration form and full payment to:

SWPRD, PO Box 136, Langley, WA 98260

BY FAX

Fax completed registration form with credit card authorization to us during our regular business hours. Call the office at 221-5484 to confirm receipt after faxing.

Fax to 360-221-7323.

IN PERSON

Walk in to our SWPRD office at
5475 Maxwellton Road, Langley, 98260.

Mon - Thu, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Fri, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

For your convenience, you may now register online for all of our programs. Check out this new service at www.swparks.org.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- REGISTRATION for all programs in this guide are currently being accepted at the SWPRD office.
- PRE-REGISTRATION is required for all programs unless otherwise stated. All fees are due at the time of registration.
- ALL programs have a minimum and maximum enrollment. We request that you register in advance to ensure class minimums are met.
- WE reserve the right to cancel a program if minimums are not met.
- THERE is a \$25 service charge on all returned checks.
- PLEASE use the general registration form on the following page for all programs unless otherwise indicated.
- REGISTRATION forms are also available online at:
www.swparks.org.

FACILITY RESERVATIONS

For your recreation needs we have sports fields, picnic shelters, and meeting rooms available. Although use is usually free of charge, we do require advance reservation and approval. Call 221-5484 for more information or to receive a reservation application.

ACCESSIBILITY

Individuals with or without disabilities may register for all programs offered by South Whidbey Parks & Recreation District provided program safety can be met. The District provides reasonable accommodation for people with disabilities. Contact the SWPRD office three weeks in advance of the program start date to discuss accommodations. Reasonable accommodations will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

OFFICE CLOSURES

The park office will be closed on the following days:

**DECEMBER 25
JANUARY 1, 2010
JANUARY 18
FEBRUARY 15**

REFUND POLICY

- Full refunds will be given for all classes cancelled by SWPRD.
- If you need to cancel your registration before the second session, we will refund your full registration, minus a \$5 processing fee, or issue a credit good for one calendar year, for the full fee.
- After the second session, a refund or credit will not be issued.
- To request a refund, a Refund Request Form must be submitted to the SWPRD office. Forms are available online and at the SWPRD office.
- Please be aware that refund requests may take up to 45 days to process.
- Refunds will not be issued from a credit.
- Refunds will not be issued for programs costing \$5 or less, unless cancelled by SWPRD.
- One day classes, trips, camps or special events are not covered under this policy (no refunds or credits available).
- Kidz Love Soccer, British Soccer, Skyhawks and other contracted programs have their own refund policies that we follow. Call for more information.
- Every effort is made to insure that the information in this brochure is accurate. Due to possible changes we reserve the right to add, withdraw or revise programs/events as needed. For up to date information please visit our web site at www.swparks.org.

REGISTRATION FORM

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South Whidbey Parks & Rec Registration Form

Mail registration form with payment to SWPRD, PO Box 136, Langley, WA 98260, or fax with credit card payment to 360-221-7323.
Call 360-221-5484 to confirm faxed registrations. You can also register online at www.swparks.org!

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SNOWRIDERS

YOUR RIDE TO THE MOUNTAINS

****Save \$30: Register by December 10 for these rates.**

After December 10 add \$30. Lift tickets are extra. Visit our website www.swparks.org for more important information and to get our brochure and registration form.

SnowRider Benefits

- Sleep on the bus ride up!
- Luxury bus, restroom equipped
- Discount lift tickets
- Ski/ride hard all day, no worries of driving home!
- Find new friends to ski/ride with
- Save on ferry fees and gas
- Convenient pickups

Adult Snowrider:

Tuesdays, January 12 – March 2

Get away with us, and get out on the hill! Catch a ride to the mountains on a luxury coach bound for Stevens Pass and Mt Baker (Feb 9). Join a great group of people on the slopes and ski the uncrowded mountains midweek. Benefits include pastries & coffee on

the coach, and fun and charming hosts. Let our driver worry about the weather and traffic while you sit back, relax, read, and talk with friends or meet new ones! Adult Snowrider rates:

Coach & Ferry from Whidbey: \$260**

Coach from Everett: \$250**

Youth Snowrider:

Saturdays, January 9 – February 27

Head up to Stevens Pass with friends for some excellent skiing and snowboarding! This program is offered to youth ages 10–17 years, and both beginners and advanced skiers and snowboarders will find runs for their level. This long standing and highly organized program focuses on safety and provides the perfect get-away to the slopes, including chartered buses with drivers experienced in winter driving conditions, chaperones and emergency transportation.

Don't sit around doing nothing all winter, come join us for outdoor FUN! Youth Snowrider rates:

Coach, Ferry & Lessons: \$355**

Coach & Ferry Only: \$260**



Polar Bear Plunge

Friday • January 1 • Noon

Start the New Year off with a splash: join us for a refreshing dive into 2010! Registration opens at 10:00am. \$15 includes cool event shirt, refreshments & bone chilling fun. Location: Freeland Park



DADDY & DAUGHTER VALENTINE BALL

(All Ages) Dad, this is your opportunity to show your girl how a gentleman treats a lady and celebrate the special relationship between fathers and daughters. Young and not-so-young are able to dance the night away. Our goal is to provide a quality evening together for dads and their daughters of all ages. This popular event includes refreshments, a flower for each daughter, door prizes and a free picture of each couple in Cupid's Corner, mailed after the event. Be sure to include your mailing address when registering. Space is limited and we filled to capacity last year, so get your tickets in advance. Volunteers needed! Call for location.

Sat, 2/20, 7 – 8:30PM, \$17 father & one daughter; \$7 each add'l daughter.

DIGGIN' FOR DINNER: CLAM DIGGING 101

(All ages, youth must be accompanied by an adult) Get out of your shell! We will lead an informational and hands-on workshop on clamming in our area. Learn about gear, harvesting regulations, where to go, and practical how-to lessons. We'll end the event with an old fashioned clam bake (we will provide the pre-harvested clams). You'll create and take home your own homemade & recycled clam measuring tool and yummy recipes for serving up your finds. Each attendee will need weather appropriate clothing, shoes you can get muddy, a water bottle, a bucket and small shovel or hand cultivator for each person wanting to harvest clams. Limited space available, register by April 9th.

Sat, 4/17, 1 – 2:00PM, \$5*

**Fee: You will also need to purchase a clam license. \$10.18 for an adult one-day clamming license, less if you purchase it online (at least 10 days in advance) at www.fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov. It's only a little more for the annual license. Licenses are available at Sebo's, Jim's Hardware and Ace Hardware. Children under the age of 15 do not need a fishing license.*

**BOYS BASKETBALL LEAGUE**

(Divisions for Grades 2 – 8) Don't miss out on this opportunity to be a part of a team - sign up now for our recreational basketball league! This long-standing program is an excellent way to learn and enjoy this awesome game. Our league offers a great first experience or a chance to refine your skills. Quality and caring coaches will provide a chance for equal play in a positive learning environment. For frequently asked questions, check our website at www.swparks.org. We begin on 1/13 with the skills evaluation. Team assignments and practices will begin the following week, your coach will contact you by 1/18, and practices will begin shortly thereafter. Games will begin in early February. Season will end in mid-March with a Jamboree. Game schedules vary and take place at South Whidbey Schools.

Skills Evaluation

The Skills Evaluation night allows coaches to see the skill level of the players and establish even teams. It will start off with drills and conclude with a scrimmage at the end of the session for the older kids. There is no evaluation for 2nd graders, first practice will be on Tue, 1/19, 5:00PM, at Primary School Gym. All registrants will be assigned to a team and get to play, regardless of skill level. Location: Langley Middle School Multipurpose Gym. Evaluation Schedule:

Grade 2: No evaluation

Grades 3 – 4: Wed, 1/13 • 5 – 6:00 PM

Grades 5 – 6: Wed, 1/13 • 6 – 7:00 PM

Grades 7 – 8: Wed, 1/13 • 7 – 8:00 PM

Fee: \$50 by 12/28; \$60 after 12/28; needs-based scholarships available. Registration deadline: 1/13.

VOLUNTEER BASKETBALL COACHES

We need quality coaches to provide positive guidance for youth in our basketball league. We strive to provide a fun environment which challenges each participant's playing potential, while maintaining the integrity of disciplined and fair play. Coaches must be patient, fun-loving, and exhibit a positive role model for our youth. Potential coaches should apply by December 28th. Selected coaches receive free registration for their child. Coaches must attend the Skills Evaluation for their age group and a coach/draft meeting to be scheduled. Visit www.swparks.org for more information.

HOT SPOT BASKETBALL COMPETITION

(Youth Ages 7 – 14) Local boys and girls are invited to participate in this basketball competition, testing young athletes' all-around basketball skills in a series of one-minute rounds, shooting from 5 different "hot spots" on the court. The event is open to guys and gals ages 7-14, residing in the state of Washington. Participants who win in the local competition qualify to participate in the State event at Pierce College in Lakewood on Sunday, March 21st. Location: Langley Middle School Gymnasium.

Wed, 2/10, 5:30PM, \$Free.

TEEN OPEN VOLLEYBALL

(Grades 6 – 12) Come out Tuesday evenings for this opportunity to play volleyball with other youth in the area. Pick up games continue until the end of the school year, except on school closure days. Contact Amber at 360-320-1757 for questions or schedule

South Whidbey Youth Soccer Club

open to ages 5-17

Fall and Spring Leagues

Coaching & Referee Clinics

Registration for Spring Season now open!

Discounted Early Registration Deadline Feb 26. Season begins March 15

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updates. Location: games rotate between the Multipurpose and Main gyms at Langley Middle School. Participation is at-your-own-risk, and by participating parent/guardians consent to our standard waiver/release of liability.

Tuesdays, January – June, 5 – 6:30PM, \$Free.

QUICKSTART TENNIS

(Grades K – 5, Beginners to Advanced Beginners) QuickStart tennis is an exciting new play format for learning tennis, designed to bring kids into the game by utilizing specialized equipment, shorter court dimensions and modified scoring, all tailored to age and size. This is a great way for kids to learn to play the game! Location: South Whidbey Elementary School Gym. Instructors: Karyle Kramer & Teresa Wheeler.

Grades K – 2

Mon & Wed, 3/8 – 3/24, 3:30-4:30PM (3:30 pick up & B.Y.O. snack, 3:45 instruction begins). \$38.

Grades 3 – 5

Mon & Wed, 3/8 – 3/24, 4:30-5:15PM, \$38.

SPRING GOLF LESSONS

(Adults and older youth accompanied by an adult) Bob Brown and Malcolm Ferrier will run this four-session golf program for new golfers, those wanting to tidy up their skills, and those returning to the game. Includes three sessions on the power swing and one on the short game. Bob and Malcolm give golfers the opportunity to learn this lifetime sport. A make-up session may be scheduled as needed due to weather conditions. This program fills, so register early! Location: Island Greens Golf Course.

Sat, 5/1 – 5/22, 9 – 10:00AM, \$42.

RUNNING UNDER THE LIGHTS

(All ages) Runners of all ages and abilities are welcome to be a part of a group that has a great passion for running. Receive instruction or just get some time to run with a group on a well-lit track. We encourage you to come out and run with us! Youth must have parent permission to participate. Participation is at-your-own-risk, and by participating you consent to our standard waiver/release of liability. Location: South Whidbey High School Track

Thursdays, 1/7 – 2/18, 6 – 7:00PM, \$FREE

ADULT OPEN VOLLEYBALL

(Adults 18+) Drop in for a pick-up game of volleyball. Locals are encouraged to drop in for a game, regardless of skill level. No volleyball on non-school days. Location: games rotate between the Multipurpose and Main gyms at Langley Middle School. Participation is at-your-own-risk, and by participating you consent to our standard waiver/release of liability.

Tuesdays During School Year, 6:30 – 8:30PM, \$FREE.

MEN'S 35+ OPEN GYM BASKETBALL

Men ages 35 and up are invited to come out and play basketball with their peers. Whether you're a serious player or a rookie, this is your opportunity to get out and play. Refine your skills or get in shape! For information or schedule changes, call Jeff Chiarizio at 331-5545. Location: South Whidbey High School Gym. Participation is free of charge. Donations are always appreciated and go toward our Youth Basketball Scholarship Fund. Participation is at-your-own-risk, and by participating you consent to our standard waiver/release of liability.

Mon & Wed during school year, 7 – 9:00PM, \$Free.



Learn the world's most popular sport from professional coaches trained in the Kidz Love Soccer method. A session experience includes: age appropriate activities, skill demonstrations, fun games, and instructional scrimmages conducted in a non-competitive recreational format. Shin guards required, except for Mommy/Daddy & Me. Call the KLS Rain-Out Hotline: 1-866-590-9965 for rainouts or possible cancellations.

*** No class 5/29. Location may change on 6/5 due to Soccer Fest. Check website for updates.**

MOMMY/DADDY & ME SOCCER

(Ages 2-3.5 years) Introduce your toddler to the world's most popular game! As you and your child participate in fun activities designed around the game of soccer, your child will be developing their large motor skills and socialization skills. The fun happens on the field, and in Mommy/Daddy & Me Soccer, you won't have to watch from the sidelines.

Wed, 1/27 – 3/17, 8 weeks, 4:00 – 4:30PM, \$62.

Location: S. Whidbey Primary School Gym.

Sat, 4/10 – 6/12*, 9 weeks, 9:05 – 9:35AM, \$70.

Location: Sports Complex on Langley Rd.

TOT SOCCER

(Ages 3.5-4 years) Tot soccer encourages large motor skill development through fun soccer games and introduces small children to the group setting. Little tykes will enjoy running and kicking just like the big kids!

Wed, 1/27 – 3/17, 8 weeks, 4:40 – 5:10PM, \$62.

Location: S. Whidbey Primary School Gym.

Sat, 4/10 – 6/12*, 9 weeks, 9:45 – 10:15AM, \$70.

Location: Sports Complex on Langley Rd.

PRE SOCCER

(Ages 4-5 years) Pre Soccer teaches the basic techniques of the game and builds self-esteem through participation and fun soccer activities. Children learn to follow instructions in a nurturing, age appropriate environment.

Wed, 1/27 – 3/17, 8 weeks, 5:10 – 5:45PM, \$62.

Location: S. Whidbey Primary School Gym.

Sat, 4/10 – 6/12*, 9 weeks, 10:15 – 10:50AM, \$70.

Location: Sports Complex on Langley Rd.

SOCCER 1

(Ages 5-6 years) Soccer 1 teaches the basic techniques of soccer for beginning players including dribbling, passing and receiving, shooting, goal keeping and more. Every participant will have a ball at their feet! Fun skill games will be played at every session. Small sided soccer matches will be introduced gradually.

Wed, 1/27 – 3/17, 8 weeks, 5:45 – 6:30PM, \$62.

Location: S. Whidbey Primary School Gym.

Sat, 4/10 – 6/12*, 9 weeks, 10:50 – 11:35AM, \$70.

Location: Sports Complex on Langley Rd.

SOCCER 2

(Ages 7-9 years) Soccer 2 teaches the basic techniques of the game and reinforces good soccer habits. Introduces team tactics in an age-specific format. Fun skill games will be played at every session. Small-sided soccer matches will be played and enjoyed every week.

Wed, 1/27 – 3/17, 8 weeks, 6:30 – 7:15PM, \$62.

Location: S. Whidbey Primary School Gym.

Sat, 4/10 – 6/12*, 9 weeks, 11:35AM – 12:20PM,

\$70. Location: Sports Complex on Langley Rd.



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(For children birth to five years and their adult caregivers) All children are musical, and you can nurture the musical growth of your child, regardless of your own musical ability, through song, dance, and instrument play. Experience Music Together® and find out how important—and how fun—your role can be! Music Together builds on your child's natural enthusiasm for music and movement. Learn basic musical skills needed to enjoy school, social musical activities, and to study an instrument. Location: SWPRD Recreation Building. *Additional materials fee of \$38 due to instructor on first day of class. Class materials include two CD's, music activity book, and parent guide so you can continue the musical experience throughout the week. \$10 discount/family for friend referrals. \$75 for additional siblings.

WINTER

FREE Demo classes, Wed, 1/6 and Thu, 1/7 at 10:15, RSVP required.

Wed, 1/13 – 3/17, 10:15 – 11:00AM, \$97*

Thu, 1/14 – 3/18, 10:15 – 11:00AM, \$97*

SPRING

FREE Demo classes, Wed, 3/31 and Thurs, 4/1 at 10:15, RSVP

Wed, 4/14 – 6/16, 10:15 – 11:00AM, \$97*

Thu, 4/15 – 6/17, 10:15 – 11:00AM, \$97*

YOUNG ARTISTS:

FUNDAMENTALS OF DRAWING

(Beginners, ages 11 – 18 years) Have you always wanted to draw well, but worried that it was a magical talent you had to be born with? If you can write your name or use a keyboard, you have the ability in your hands to create beautiful artwork! Tap into a side of your mind that is creative, productive, and refreshing as we learn how to see things around us in a new way! This is a beginner's course, so please don't feel intimidated. We will develop basic skills involving value, the effects of light and shadow, line qualities, composition and more.

*Supplies: Except for the sketchbook, instructor will provide the following for a \$5 materials fee paid directly to the instructor on the first day of class: Spiral bound sketchbook 11x14 or larger, 18x24 newsprint, soft drawing pencil, conte crayon. Instructor: Stephanie Schuermann. Location: SWPRD Recreation Building. Participants may sign up to be escorted by instructor to program from Intermediate school; simply notify us and turn in a permission slip to the school office.

Wed, 2/24 – 3/31, 3:45 – 4:45, \$30*

EQUESTRIAN ART

(Beginners, ages 11 – 18 years) Horses have been a favorite subject of artists for centuries. If you enjoy the beauty of horses, please join us as we explore the equestrian art. We will focus on the internal skeletal and muscular structure, which is a necessity for accuracy, and will look at the variety of forms and faces of different breeds. One of our goals is to complete a custom personal portrait of your favorite equine, so bring photographs if you have a particularly favorite horse buddy, or choose from many beautiful examples. Supplies: Except for the sketchbook, instructor will provide the following for a \$5 materials fee paid directly to the instructor on the first day of class: Spiral bound sketchbook 12x18 or larger, 18x24 newsprint, soft drawing pencil, kneaded eraser, and optional conte crayon. Instructor: Stephanie Schuermann. Location: SWPRD Recreation Building.

Mon-Thu, 4/5 – 4/8, noon – 3:00PM, \$60*

BEGINNING SIGN LANGUAGE

(All ages, children accompanied by an adult) Learn this beautiful and graceful language! This class is also great for those who already know this skill and want to brush up. The classes will build on demonstrated signs in previous lessons. Instructor Susan Ishikawa has worked in the field of deafness for 36 years as a teacher for deaf children, an activist for deaf adults, and sign language instructor at universities and other adult education programs. Beyond the Alphabet: At the end of class at 6:45, participants may stay for an additional optional 15 minute video segment where they will watch videos of sign language, including words and short stories. Location: SWPRD Recreation Building.

Thu, 1/7 - 1/28, 6 - 6:45PM, \$20.

Thu, 2/4 - 2/25, 6 - 6:45PM, \$20.

Thu, 3/4 - 3/25, 6 - 6:45PM, \$20.

Thu, 4/8 - 4/29, 6 - 6:45PM, \$20.

BEGINNING DRAWING

(For Adults and Youth 16+) Learn drawing in a supportive atmosphere! In this class you will experience your natural ability to draw through exercises that emphasize seeing. Learn the fundamentals of art and basic drawing techniques including line and contour, value, texture, form/shapes, space, proportion, composition and perspective. Projects will focus on creating both realistic and abstract drawings. Working from photos, objects, still life, and the imagination, you will develop your ability to see and translate that visual experience into drawing. Drawing improves creative thinking and problem solving skills. Bring supplies to first class - materials list available at www.quinnfitzpatrick.com. Instructor: Quinn Fitzpatrick. Location: SWPRD Recreation Building. Minimum of 5 people required – sign up with a friend!

Mon, 1/18 - 3/8, 7:30 - 9:00PM, \$170.

Mon, 3/15 - 5/3, 7:30 - 9:00PM, \$170.

BEGINNING GUITAR

(For Adults and Youth 16+) Have fun while learning how to play acoustic guitar! Gain a solid foundation and the tools to play thousands of songs using traditional and contemporary sources, in folk, country, gospel, blues and rock styles. Learn fundamental chords, progressions, strums and finger picking. By the end of this course, you will have the resources to play many songs in different styles. Loaner guitars are available, be sure to reserve one prior to the first class. Instructor: Quinn Fitzpatrick. Location: SWPRD Recreation Building at 5475 Maxwellton Road, Langley. Minimum of 5 people required – sign up with a friend!

Mon, 1/18 - 3/8, 6:30 - 7:30PM, \$115.

Mon, 3/15 - 5/3, 6:30 - 7:30PM, \$115.

GUITAR BOOT CAMP

(For Adults and Youth 16+) If you have been playing guitar and are ready for basic training to make yourself a better guitar player, this workshop is for you! During this hardcore session, you will learn guitar fretboard logic, scales, practice exercises, fundamental chords and progressions, essential strumming and finger picking patterns: everything you should know to have a rock solid foundation in guitar! Then learn how to put it all to work with some group soloing and jamming. Guitar Boot Camp is geared toward folks who have some playing experience and would like to take their playing to the next level. This course gives you the tools to play hundreds of songs in different styles. Songs will be derived from both traditional and contemporary sources. All materials included! Instructor: Quinn Fitzpatrick. Location: SWPRD Recreation Building. Minimum of 4 people required – sign up with a friend!

Sat, 2/27, 10:30AM - 1PM, \$50.

INTRODUCTION TO GUITAR

(For Adults and Youth 16+) If you have been considering playing guitar and are ready to take a test run, this workshop is for you! During this introductory session, you will learn basic chords, strums, and will play simple songs by the end of the workshop. No note reading required! This workshop is for folks who have no guitar playing experience whatsoever and would like to sample guitar with a thorough, encouraging and patient instructor. All materials included! Loaner guitars are available with advance request. Instructor: Quinn Fitzpatrick. Location: SWPRD Recreation Building. Minimum of 4 people required – sign up with a friend!

Sat, 3/13, 11:00AM - 1:00PM, \$40

LEARN JAPANESE WITH "SPIRITED AWAY" JAPANESE ANIMATION

(Youth ages 10+) You will learn basic Japanese in a fun enjoyable way! Our goal is to read a Hiragana script of a Japanese animated film, "Spirited Away," Miyazaki's master piece. Some homework is given each week to achieve that goal. The instructor, Rumi Sensei, is a native Japanese speaker and has 8 years of experience teaching both adults and children. Location: SWPRD Recreation Building. *Add'l \$20 materials fee for DVD paid directly to instructor on first day of class.

Thu, 1/7 - 2/11, 3:45 - 5:00PM, \$90*

PLAYSCAPE

(Children ages birth to kindergarten) Are you looking for a place for your child to play? An opportunity to connect with other parents in the community? Playscape is a weekly, free, drop-in time for caregivers and their children to participate in fun and engaging activities such as an infant area, craft table, gross motor space, and creative play. Playscape is a space for parents to connect and enjoy play time with their child regardless of the weather outside.

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Mon & Fri, 1/4 – 6/18, 9:30 – 11:30AM, \$FREE.

CALENDAR

December 10.....	Early Registration Deadline, Snowrider
December 25.....	Office Closed, Christmas
December 28.....	Early Registration Deadline, Boys Bball
January 1.....	Office Closed, New Year's Day
January 1.....	Polar Bear Dive
January 4.....	Playscape
January 7.....	Learn Japanese
January 7.....	Running Under the Lights
January 7.....	Beginning Sign Language
January 12.....	Teen Open Volleyball Begins
January 13.....	Boys' Basketball Skills Evaluation
January 13, 14.....	Music Together Winter Sessions
January 18.....	Office Closed, MLKJ Day
January 18.....	Beginning Drawing
January 18.....	Beginning Guitar
January 27.....	Kidz Love Soccer Indoors!
February 2.....	Groundhog Day
February 4.....	Beginning Sign Language
February 10.....	Hot Spot Basketball Competition
February 14.....	Valentine's Day
February 15.....	Office Closed, President's Day
February 20.....	Daddy & Daughter Valentine Ball
February 24.....	Young Artists Drawing Class
February 27.....	Guitar Boot Camp
March 4.....	Beginning Sign Language
March 8.....	QuickStart Tennis
March 13.....	Introduction to Guitar
March 14.....	Daylight Savings: Set your clock forward
March 15.....	Beginning Drawing
March 15.....	Beginning Guitar
March 17.....	St. Patrick's Day
March 20.....	First Day of Spring
April 1.....	April Fool's Day – Beware!
April 4.....	Easter
April 5.....	Equestrian Art
April 5.....	Spring Break
April 8.....	Beginning Sign Language
April 10.....	Kidz Love Soccer
April 14, 15.....	Music Together Spring Sessions
April 17.....	Diggin' for Dinner Clams
April 19.....	TV Turn-Off Week
April 22.....	Earth Day
May 1.....	Spring Golf Lessons
May 9.....	Mothers Day

ADVERTISING

The SWPRD Activity Guide is printed and distributed 3 times a year. If you'd like to advertise your program or business in this guide, please contact Allison Tapert at the South Whidbey Record at 221—5300.

DAY CAMP COUNSELORS

Do you have a passion for working with kids? Do you love the outdoors? Is safe fun your No. 1 priority? Then we have a great summer job for you! Spend your summer outdoors creating a great summer camp experience for kids in our community. Seeking energetic, responsible persons. Pays \$8-12 per hour, DOE. Weekly camps run throughout the summer. Training required and provided. Interested persons should contact the Day Camp Director at 221-6788 or email programs@whidbey.com.

VOLUNTEER JR. COUNSELORS

We are now seeking Jr. Counselors for our summer day camp program. This is your opportunity to get experience working with kids in a fun outdoor camp program and receive valuable training for future job opportunities in recreation or child care. Teachers, do you have a responsible student to recommend for this? Teens ages 14 – 15 should contact the Day Camp Director at 221-6788. This is an unpaid, volunteer position, but the benefits are endless!

VOLUNTEERS FOR TRIATHLON

Are you great at instigating fun? Are you well-connected, with energy for motivating others to serve their community? The Whidbey Island Triathlon needs an enthusiastic and organized persons to work with our volunteers who make our triathlon such a beloved event. Triathlon will be Sat, August 7th. Interested persons should contact Carrie at 221-6788 or programs@whidbey.com.

SPONSORS

You can make a huge impact in your community by contributing goods or dollars to many of our programs, including the Youth Recreation Scholarship Fund. We're seeking sponsors for our biggest programs, including the Youth Basketball League, the Whidbey Island Triathlon, the Chum Run 5K, Summer Concerts in the Park, and Movies in the Park. Sponsorship also provides businesses with the opportunity to get their name out in the community. Contact Carrie for sponsorship opportunities and benefits at programs@whidbey.com or 221-6788.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SWPRD has a number of opportunities for you to volunteer to enrich your community. The success of our programs and events depends directly on the efforts of our quality volunteers! Upcoming volunteer

opportunities:

Winter Festival – Dec 6
Daddy & Daughter Valentine Ball – Feb 20
Youth Basketball League – January
Program Instructors – Year Round
Park Clean-Up – Year Round

INSTRUCTORS WANTED

Do you have experience teaching art, fitness, movement, dance, or sports? Do you have a great idea, hobby or something new to add to our list of programs? Can you teach cheerleading, basket weaving or scuba diving? If you answered yes to any of the above questions and have something you'd like to add to the schedule, give us a call! Contact Carrie Monforte at 221-6788 or email programs@whidbey.com to inquire about job openings or to request a class proposal packet.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Contributions are currently being accepted for SWPRD's Recreation Scholarship program. You can make it possible for a child/youth to participate in many of our programs which contribute to their health and physical and social development. Call us at 360-221-6788 or email swparks@whidbey.com to inquire about making a contribution.

GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY!

DID YOU KNOW...

43% of kids want their parents to spend more time outdoors with them. (Boys & Girls Club Survey)

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