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York County Parks and Recreation Announces Program Updates

Safety Town Registration Open; Summer Programs Return;
Playgrounds/Basketball Courts Reopen

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York County Parks and Recreation is pleased to announce the return of summer programs and access to certain amenities.

Playgrounds and Basketball Courts

Effective Friday, June 5, all playgrounds and basketball courts are now open. Certain restrictions apply. Look for posted signs with rules for use. Playgrounds are located at the McReynolds Athletic Complex (MAC), Kiln Creek Park, New Quarter Park, and many school sites. Basketball courts are available at Charles Brown Park, Kiln Creek Park, New Quarter Park, and many school sites. For more information, call Parks and Recreation at (757) 890-3500.

Safety Town!

Registration for the 26th session of this award-winning program is now open! Safety Town teaches pre-kindergartners various aspects of life safety. Children entering Kindergarten in the fall may be registered at a rate of \$35 for County residents and \$50 for non-County residents. This summer program seeks to reduce childhood injury by introducing them to basic safety concepts through the use of interactive experiences.



Set up to register a small-scale town with portable buildings, roads, and street signs, the Safety Town learning environment is used as practice area for several safety lessons.

Each session lasts one week, running from Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All lessons and activities relate to a specific topic each day: Traffic and Pedestrian Safety, Fire Safety, Home Safety, and Personal Safety. Due to the current situation, the program may be modified.

Schedule: July 13-17 – Mt. Vernon Elementary School; July 20-24 – Mt. Vernon Elementary School; July 27-31 – Waller Mill Elementary School.

For more information or to register, visit www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec or call (757) 890-3500.

Summer Fun Camp

This popular camp's start date has been delayed until July 6. The camp will operate Monday through Friday through the end of July. Middle School field trips will not be held due to the uncertainty of off-site attractions. However, Field Trip Fever, cancelled for the first part of the summer, will be August 3-7!

Registration and full details are available online at www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec. Also, call (757) 890-3500 for details.

Summer Tennis Camps for Youth

Registration is now open for this tennis camp for ages 5-17. Camps last for one week and are held at Back Creek Park (3000 Goodwin Neck Road) and Kiln Creek Park (2901 Kiln Creek Parkway). Camps are held for age groups 5-7, 8-12, and 13-17.

Tennis camps are open to players of all abilities and focus on development and strengthening basic skills through drills, activities, and games. Participants should bring their own tennis racket. If you do not have a racket for your child, please indicate that on the registration form.

Online registration and full details, including camp weeks, times, and fees are available by visiting www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec or call (757) 890-3500.

Kayak Trips from New Quarter Park and Back Creek Park

Registrations are now being accepted for kayak trips for ages 13 and up. Two trips are being offered:

- **Sunset Kayak Tour** – an introduction to kayaking with a short safety/paddling demonstration followed by a sunset excursion out of Back Creek or New Quarter Park. This is a trip for beginners, families and anyone who enjoys nature. Fee is \$25/person. Ages 13-17 must be accompanied by an adult. Dates: Back Creek Park – June 25, July 23, August 27, September 24; New Quarter Park – June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10
- **Goodwin Island Kayak Expedition** – an advanced kayaker day trip leaving out of Back Creek Park. Participants will travel in a guided group and explore Goodwin Island and learn about the Chesapeake Bay. Fee is \$60/person. Ages 13-17 must be accompanied by an adult. Dates: June 13, July 11 and August 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



For more details and to register, please visit www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec. Private group tours may be set up by emailing Michael Wilcox at Michael.wilcox@yorkcounty.gov. For more information on kayak rentals, please call (757) 890-3500.

York County Parks and Recreation is planning a fun and SAFE summer of programs for children. Our programs will be modified to meet state Executive Orders, County Guidelines and CDC recommendations. As the COVID-19 situation evolves, we will continue to provide updates on our programs and make necessary adjustments based on the latest recommendations.