

# Valdez Parks and Recreation Commission Report

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**For the Months of:** November & December, 2018

## **Junior Rec Hours:**

- After school hours designated for youth, ages 8 – 19. Unstructured recreation time. Full access to game room. Billiards, ping pong, air hockey, foosball, Xbox One, and enjoy a plethora of board games. Cash-only snack bar is open with a variety of sweet & savory snacks, pretzels and soft drinks.

## **Open Rec Hours:**

- Designated hours for all ages – under 15 must be accompanied by parent/guardian. Unstructured recreation time. Full access to game room. Billiards, ping pong, air hockey, foosball, Xbox One, and enjoy a plethora of board games. Cash-only snack bar is open with a variety of sweet & savory snacks, pretzels and soft drinks.

## **Mighty Mites:**

- Designated hours for parents and their children under 6 years of age  
Mon/Wed: 9:30 – 11:00am  
Unstructured play time for little ones. A large variety of toys (ride-on & others) are available to use. Water and snacks provided. An assortment of new toys were purchased. Old toys will be designated for Outdoor Mighty Mites in summer.

## **Fencing:**

- This class was ran by volunteer instructor, Father Eric Wiseman. Students learned fundamentals of the centuries old sport, covering foot-work, blade-work and bouts. This class was pre-registration only for up to 8 participants, ages 6 and up.

## **Dungeons & Dragons – Waterdeep Dragon Heist:**

- Dungeons & Dragons is an interactive roll-playing adventure game. This activity was hosted by Dungeon Master, Daile Disney. With space for up to 10 players, this multi-day campaigns was hosted in two-hour sessions, every other week.

## **Family Yoga:**

- Drop-in program instructed by Kamila Azevedo. This beginner program was focused for parents with their children. Poses chosen were easy for all ages and fun to follow along, as many

mimicked familiar animals. Information was handed out regarding different poses and the health benefits of each pose.

#### **Junior Circus Arts:**

- Drop-in program lead by juggling enthusiast, Kamila Azevedo. A large assortment of performer equipment was provided. Juggling balls, clubs, scarves, poi, hula-hoops, ribbons, batons and juggling sticks. Children were encouraged to try different activities, learn new techniques and develop a love for the skill of juggling and other performance arts.

#### **Intro to Origami:**

- Pre-registration program lead by Kamila Azevedo. Groups were instructed on an origami folding technique, with multiple pieces coming together to make one-of-a-kind gift boxes. Scheduled to take place just before the holiday season, an assortment of holiday paper, ribbon and gift tags were also provided.

#### **Take, Make & Bake Cornucopias:**

- This 12 person, pre-registration class was instructed by Recreation Center Coordinator, Krystal Moulton. Students were given all of the materials, supplies and instruction on how to make their own cornucopias. Once created, students were given instruction to take home and bake, then embellish for use at their Thanksgiving table. History on cornucopias was shared, and techniques were taught that could be used in a multitude of culinary projects.

#### **Facility Rentals:**

- From birthday parties to company holiday parties, the Recreation Center has been very busy with rentals. The game room provides full-access to all of the gaming equipment. Dance Room rentals, with an additional flat-rate fee can accommodate Mighty Mite toys, which seems to be a hit for toddler birthdays.

#### **Looking Forward:**

- **Community Rec Hours:**

After continual assessment of facility use, Rec Hours are changing. Starting in February, hours will be extended to Monday – Friday, 9am – 8pm & Saturday, 12pm – 7pm. All ages will be welcome during those times. Participants under 8 will need to be accompanied by a parent or responsible guardian, as determined by facility staff.

- **Office Moves & Reception Area Remodel:**

The Recreation Center Coordinator will be moving offices, and taking the back office in the center of the facility. Adult and Youth activity Coordinators will be moving into the old Recreation Supervisor's office, located off of the Dance Room side.

The wall located immediately inside the front doors is being taken out, and a new registration desk will take its place. A work area for recreation programmers will be made in the central room, with storage and table space to prep for upcoming programs.

- **Registrations & Reservations:**

All programming registrations and facility rentals will be moving to the Recreation Center. A Temporary Administrative Assistant will be hired on to cover registrations and reservations during peak hours (afternoons and evenings). The expected date for this to be active is early February. We hope to have online registration soon!

- **Scheduled Programming:**

Scheduled January programs consist of; Community Recreation Hours, Mighty Mites, Ukulele, Guitar, Open Game Night, Junior Circus Arts, Family Yoga and Fencing.

- **Potential Upcoming Programs:**

If approved by Director, we will look into offering My Mini & Me Yoga, Junior Yoga, Macrame & Origami Crafts, Community Art Projects, Safe Kids (staying home alone) program, and Beacon training with kids!

## November & December Statistics

Activity/Program Name	Dates	Number of Days	Participants/Attendees	Additional information
Junior Rec Hours	November	19	204	High demand from youth to stay longer. Re-evaluating use/hours and making adjustments.
	December	18	142	Decrease due to sports/holidays
Open Rec Hours	November	23	61	Low use numbers. Re-evaluating and adjusting age requirements.
	December	23	58	
Dance Room Rentals	November	9	163	7 Birthdays 2 Meetings
	December	4	102	1 Birthday 1 Event 1 Holiday Party

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Game Room Rentals	November	2	50	2 Birthdays
	December	6	147	5 Birthdays 1 Holiday Parties
Mighty Mites	November	9	Kids: 107 Adults: 77	Most popular program. Evaluating desire for additional days/evenings.
	December	8	Kids: 76 Adults: 60	
Fencing	November	4	3	Participation has increased to 8 for January's sessions
D&D	Nov/Dec	4	11	Max Capacity for Session
Family Yoga	Nov/Dec	4	9	Conflicted with Family Climb – Re-evaluating community desire and will look to reschedule
Junior Circus	Nov/Dec	2	18	Started bringing out supplies during Junior Rec Hours. Many kids decided to use equipment in addition to the two days of designated programming
Origami	11/27	1	6	
Cornucopias	11/20	1	12	High demand for class – waiting list. Will look into hosting another class next season