

Valdez Parks & Recreation Commission

Recreation Center Report

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Reporting for the month of January, 2019.*

PROGRAMMING OVERVIEW

Community Rec Hours:

- Designated unstructured recreation hours for all ages.
Monday – Friday: 9am – 8pm Saturday: 12pm – 7pm
Attendees get full access to game room. Billiards, ping pong, air hockey, foosball, Xbox One, and a plethora of board games. Cash-only snack bar is open with a variety of sweet & savory snacks, pretzels, corn dogs and soft drinks.

Mighty Mites:

- Designated hours for parents and their children under 6 years of age. Mon/Wed: 9:30 – 11am
Unstructured play time for little ones. A large variety of toys (ride-on & others) are available to use. Water and snacks provided. Broken and worn out toys continue to be replaced or repurposed for Outdoor Mighty Mites in summer. This activity is drop-in. All children needed to be accompanied.

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.

Open Game Night:

- The dance room side was set up with an assortment of tables, chairs, games, snacks and refreshments. The community was encouraged to come together and play/bring their favorite games. From trading cards to fantasy and board games, we aimed to accommodate all user groups. This activity was drop-in. All ages. Under 8 needed to be accompanied.

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.

Ukulele Lessons:

- *Instructed by Scharlene Togaga'e, a very talented Recreation Center staff member. Participants were taught the fundamentals of ukulele, basic chords and how to play a few songs. This class was pre-registration and open to ages 15+. Max class size: 8.

Mrs. Willie's Acoustic Crash Course:

- *Instructed by Willie Morgan, another very talented Recreation Center staff member. Participants were taught the fundamentals of guitar, basic chords, tablature reading and how to play a few songs. This class was pre-registration and open to ages 15+. Max class size: 8.

** The guitar and ukulele students came together on the last day of class to have a family concert playing the songs they learned during the class.*

Facility Rentals:

- The Recreation Center has been very busy with birthday party 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.

Office Moves & Reception Area Remodel:

- The Recreation Center Coordinator has moved to the back office in the facility. Adult and Youth activity Coordinators have moved to the old Recreation Supervisor's office, located off of the Dance Room side.

The wall and cabinets located immediately inside the front doors has been demolished, refinished and framed in.

A new registration desk was installed as well as multiple storage cabinets for programmers. An oval conference table (on back-order) should be arriving at the beginning of March.

LOOKING FORWARD

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 transition date has been pushed back to early March. At that time, we hope to have progress towards online registration abilities.

February/March Programs:

- Community Rec Hours (Mon – Sat)
- Mighty Mites (Won/Wed)
- My Mini & Me Yoga (Tues in Feb)
- Game Night (Tues in Feb)
- Kids' Valentine Craft (Feb 9)
- Drop-in Origami (Feb 6 & 20)
- Junior Pool Tournament (Feb 22)
- Kids' Beacon Practice with Valdez Avalanche Center (Frosty Fever – Feb 26)
- Learn to Knit (Tues in March)
- Longevity Stick (Tues/Thurs/Fri – Mar 19, 21, 22, 26, 28, 29)

PROGRAM STATISTICS

Activity/Program Name	Dates	Number of Days/Prgm	Number of Participants	Additional information
Community Rec Hours	January	28	261	Now Open to All Ages (under 8 must be accompanied)
Dance Room Rentals	January	5	95	4 Birthdays 1 Workshop
Game Room Rentals	January	1	15	1 Birthday
Mighty Mites	January	8	124	Evaluating desire for additional days/evenings
Fencing	January	3	8	Full Class! Extended two additional weeks into February
Open Game Night	January	4	18	Extending into Tuesdays in Feb per user requests
Family Yoga	January	2	5	Conflicted with Family Climb Trying My Mini & Me Yoga on Tuesdays in Feb
Junior Circus	January	1	1	Low interest. May try again in summer when not competing with school sports.
Acoustic Crash Course	January	4	7	Beginner Guitar for Adults
Beginner Ukulele	January	4	5	For Adults – Expressed interest in another session for youth

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS IN JANUARY: 539

REC CENTER FRONT DESK REMODEL



Demo Day 1



Day 2



Day 3



After Furniture Install



After Furniture Install (Mrs. Willie showing off the new 'digs')

A special thanks to the City of Valdez Building Maintenance crew, I.T., Capital Facilities, Com Dev, Finance, Marcie Robertson, & PRCS Director. Your hard work made this project a reality!