Fife's summer camp program will keep your kids entertained and energized

You wouldn’t know it by looking outside at the rain, but summer is nearly here. The City of Fife will help families jump start their summer planning by opening summer camp registration early this year for Camp Fife. Beginning February 10, families can register at cityoffife.org/register for Day Camp (ages 6 to 11) or Teen Camp (ages 12 to 15).

“We wanted to help parents plan better for summer, which will be here quicker than you want it to be,” said Holly Tedford, the City of Fife’s Recreation Coordinator and the organizer of the city’s summer camps. Fife’s summer camps begin June 22 and continue through August 28 and operate from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The only holiday closure will be July 3.

Tedford’s focus this year is engaging campers in fun activities and getting them out into the community via field trips. “Considering the amount of field trips and the quality of the activities, these camps are a great bargain,” she said. Fees range from $148 to $205 per child, per week. Day camps (ages 6 to 11) have two field trips a week. Teen camps (ages 12 to 15) have three outings a week. Swim lessons can be added for $30 a week. Daily snack is included.

“We took a survey last year and we listened to the kids and shaped the field trips around what they told us they wanted to do,” Tedford said. This summer, she has planned teen field trips to Seattle’s Theo Chocolate Factory, Pike Place Market and The Great Wheel. Teens will go bowling, hang out at Point Defiance Zoo, kayak on Green Lake, swim at Kandle Pool, visit the Gig Harbor waterfront and complete cooking lessons.

Day camp attendees will visit Pump It Up, tour Northwest Trek, play at Titlow Beach, visit the Ruston Spray Park, go to the movie theater, go bowling and more.

They’ll also receive leadership training from “experienced staff, many of whom are college students who are getting their degrees in education or recreation,” said Tedford. “We have highly motivated camp leaders who have coached sports and understand how to motivate kids.” She added, “We have weekly themes for the camps, so there’s always something fun and new.”

Details are at cityoffife.org/register. Questions? Call 253-896-8656 or email htedford@cityoffife.org.

Fountain Memorial nominations open

Want to memorialize someone you think deserves to be honored at the Fife Fountain Memorial? Nominations are now open through February 28. Visit cityoffife.org/fountainmemorial and read information about who is eligible to be nominated, how to nominate, and other guidelines for the memorial. If your nominee is selected, you will give a short presentation to the City of Fife Parks Board on March 4. If you have questions, please call 253-922-2489.
Artists, we want you to turn the city’s utility boxes into art

The City of Fife is committed to supporting a vibrant artistic community. The mission of the Fife Public Arts Commission is to actively encourage the development and sustainability of the arts in the city. One of the commission’s newest ventures is the Utility Box Art Wrap Project.

These metal boxes are located throughout our city and are often not very visually interesting. The commission’s idea is to turn the utility boxes into a way to strengthen Fife’s identity and sense of community through art wraps applied to the utility boxes. The art will be located on utility boxes that are in highly visible areas.

We’re reaching out to artists who want to take on such a project. We’re looking for artists who can turn their designs into high-resolution digital images that fit the commission’s selected themes for this project: a focus on the history of Fife, art that’s related to the city’s transportation, or a design related to the city’s motto of “Industrious by Nature.”

Please visit cityoffife.org/arts to take a look at the specifics of this important community art project. Designs should be submitted to the city by February 28. Questions can be directed to 253-896-8606 or arts@cityoffife.org.

Register for Sweetheart Dance

Fife’s Sweetheart Dance is a chance for children to create lifelong memories with their parent or special adult in their life. Join us on Leap Day, February 29, with live music from the Funaddicts, crafts and food.

What: Fife Sweetheart Dance
When: 5:30-8 p.m., Saturday, February 29
Where: Fife Community Center, 2111 54th Ave. E., Fife
Cost: $12 children, $17 adults. Food + drink included in admission.
Information: cityoffife.org/events
Registration: cityoffife.org/register

Get your photo taken at the Sweetheart Dance.

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