

Greene County Day Camp program to start June 20

Greene County children ages 5 to 15 years old will be able to enjoy free activities this summer when the county Day Camp program launches Monday, June 20. The camp will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday until July 29.

Registration for Day Camp will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Friday, June 17, at all camp locations.

This year, Day Camp locations include Jefferson Township Park in Jefferson, Lions Club Park in Waynesburg, Mon View Park in Greensboro, Ryerson Station State Park in Wind Ridge and Wana B Park in Carmichaels.

Sign-ups will also be held at Bobtown Elementary School in Bobtown and Morris Township Community Center in Nineveh.

The two sites will serve as drop-off and pick-up locations this year; Bobtown campers will be bussed to Mon View Park, and Nineveh campers will be bussed to Ryerson Station State Park.

Campers will have a variety of activities scheduled for them each day, including arts and crafts, games and educational programs. They may also swim at any of the three county pools for only \$2 per day.

All campers will receive a 2011 Day Camp T-shirt that they can color and personalize.

New to Day Camp this year will be programs presented by Penn State Cooperative Extension and Creative Industries of Greene County. Penn State Cooperative Extension will lead programs on geocaching, a scavenger hunt that utilizes Global Positioning System (GPS) technology.

Creative Industries will provide art classes taught by two instructors, Sarah Rizzi and Dara Puskarich, who will lead classes for children ages

5-8 and ages 9-13. The art classes are made possible in part through grants from the Community Foundation of Greene County, Creative Industries of Greene County, Nathanael Greene Historical Foundation and the Monon Center, Inc.

Camp Challenge, administered by the Washington Greene County Job Training Agency, Inc., will return to Day Camp this year.

For campers ages 9-15 who attend the required number of Camp Challenge program days, a field trip to Pittsburgh is being planned. Campers ages 5-8 will take a field trip to the Greene County Historical Museum. Camp Challenge and the two field trips are being funded by the Greene County Memorial Hospital Foundation.

The Greene County Memorial Hospital Foundation and the Rotary Club of Waynesburg are also sponsoring an end-of-camp picnic, planned for July 29 at Wana B

Park.

The festivities will include food and a "4 in 1 Fun House," obstacle course and wrecking ball, courtesy of Elf Entertainment.

Lunches will be provided to campers at all sites through a partnership with the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank.

The Carmichaels Area, Central Greene and West Greene school districts will prepare the meals daily as part of the Greene County Summer Food Program, an initiative funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by the state Department of Education.

Throughout Day Camp, Vocelli Pizza will also provide one free pizza party at each camp site.

All meals, supplies and activities are provided free of charge to campers. Day Camp will not be held Monday, July 4, due to the Fourth of July holiday. For more information, call 724-852-5323.

Recreation to offer tennis camp, lessons

The Greene County Department of Recreation will offer an all-ages week-long tennis camp twice this summer, as well as private lessons, at the county's tennis courts on Rolling Meadows Road in Waynesburg.

The tennis camp costs \$50 and will run June 20-24 and July 18-22. A \$10 deposit is required with registration, and the first 12 people enrolled for each camp will be accepted.

Each participant will receive a camp T-shirt and five days of instruction at certain times based on age and skill level. The instruction times are: 8:30-9:15 a.m., ages 8 and younger; 9:30-10:45 a.m., ages 9-12; and 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m., ages 13 and older.

Camp instructors will be Ron

Headlee and John Buchanan, both certified United States Tennis Association instructors.

Both men have played tennis competitively for years and have worked with young children, with Buchanan currently in charge of the Greene County tennis league.

The Department of Recreation will also offer private lessons this summer in the form of one-hour sessions. The sessions will cost \$25 for one person, or \$40 for two or four people. The sessions are all-ages.

The tennis camp is sponsored by the Greene County Commissioners and the Department of Recreation. For more information, or to register for the tennis camp or lessons, call 724-852-5323.

Greene County's pools open, swimming lessons offered

Greene County's three public pools are now open for the summer season. Alpha Aquatic Center in Waynesburg and Carmichaels Pool in Carmichaels will be open daily, while Mon View Pool in Greensboro will be open only on weekends.

Mon View Pool, however, will be open daily while the Day Camp program is in session from June 20 to July 29.

The last day for all three pools will be Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5.

All admission prices will remain the same as last year. County children attending Day Camp will still pay a discounted rate of \$2 per day to visit any of the pools during the camp hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Aquatic center hours will be noon to 7 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and noon to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Admission prices at the aquatic center are \$5 for children age 17 and younger and senior citizens age 62 and older, and \$7 for adults ages 18 to 61. Individual season memberships are \$140 for children age 17 and younger and senior citizens age 62 and older, and \$170 for adults ages 18 to 61.

At Carmichaels Pool, hours will be 1 to 7 p.m. daily. Admission rates are \$3 for children age 17 and younger and senior citizens age 62 and older, and \$5 for adults ages 18 to 61.

Individual season memberships are \$120 for children age 17 and younger and senior citizens age 62 and older, and \$150 for adults ages 18 to 61.

Mon View Pool will be open from 1 to 7 p.m. Admission rates are \$2 for children age 17 and younger and senior citizens age 62 and older, and \$4 for adults ages 18 to 61.

Individual season memberships are \$90 for children age 17 and younger,

Pool Hours:

Carmichaels Pool:

1-7 p.m. Sun.-Sat.

Alpha Aquatic Center:

12-7 p.m. Sun.-Thurs.

12-8 p.m. Fri.-Sat.

Mon View Pool:

1-7 p.m. Sat.-Sun.

(10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Mon.-Fri. June 20-July 29)

\$100 for adults ages 18 to 61 and \$70 for senior citizens age 62 and older.

Season memberships for families of four or more people are also available at each pool.

At Alpha Aquatic Center and Carmichaels Pool, the county Department of Recreation will offer swimming lessons.

Lessons are \$20 per class, and payment will be due upon signing up for classes.

Each class is designed for swimmers of certain skill levels. Class instructors will determine in which class to place each swimmer.

A minimum of five swimmers must be signed up for each class to run. The maximum for each class is 15 swimmers.

Some classes may be combined or canceled due to enrollment. Refunds will only be given if the Department of Recreation cancels a class.

The class levels are as follows:

- Parent and Child Aquatics for parents and children ages 6 months to 3 years
- Pre-School Aquatics for ages 4 to 5
- Level 1, Introduction to Water Skills
- Level 2, Fundamental Aquatic Skills
- Level 3, Stroke Development
- Level 4, Stroke Improvement

- Level 5, Stroke Refinement
- Level 6, Swimming and Skill Proficiency

The schedule of classes at Alpha Aquatic Center is:

- June 20-24: 9-11 a.m., Levels 4 and 6; 10-11 a.m., Level 2
- June 27-July 1: 9-10 a.m., Level 3; 10-11 a.m., Level 1; 10-10:30 a.m., Preschool; 10:30-11 a.m., Parent and Child
- July 11-15: 9-11 a.m., Level 5; 9-10 a.m., Level 3; 10-11 a.m., Level 1
- July 18-22: 9-11 a.m., Level 4; 10-11 a.m., Level 2; 10-10:30 a.m., Preschool; 10:30-11 a.m., Parent and Child

- Aug. 1-5: 9-10 a.m., Level 3; 10-11 a.m., Levels 1 and 2

The schedule of classes at Carmichaels Pool is:

- June 20-24: 10 a.m.-noon, Levels 4 and 6; 11 a.m.-noon, Level 2
- June 27-July 1: 10-11 a.m., Level 3; 11 a.m.-noon, Level 1; 11-11:30 a.m., Preschool; 11:30 a.m.-noon, Parent and Child
- July 11-15: 10-11 a.m., Level 3; 10 a.m.-noon, Level 5; 11 a.m.-noon, Level 1
- July 18-22: 10 a.m.-noon, Level 4; 11 a.m.-noon, Level 2; 11-11:30 a.m., Preschool; 11:30 a.m.-noon, Parent and Child
- Aug. 1-5: 10-11 a.m., Level 3; 11 a.m.-noon, Levels 1 and 2

Active-duty military personnel and their immediate families may swim for free at any of the pools under a resolution passed by the Greene County Commissioners.

Military members must bring their military identification cards to receive passes.

Pool hours are subject to change in the event of inclement weather. For more information, call 724-852-5323.