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Afterschool Programs Benefit Youth, Families & Communities

Afterschool programs are a proven method of helping to improve a school's performance. Studies show that afterschool programs improve academic achievement, reduce grade retention and increase student attendance and interest in school. Across the country, afterschool is a key element in strategies to turn around under-performing schools.

According to state departments of education, more than 7,000 schools in the United States are considered in need of improvement. Afterschool programs offer a chance to reinforce and supplement the curriculum by offering new and different opportunities for learning that further engage students in school.

- Only 6.5 million K-12 children (11 percent) participate in afterschool programs. An additional 15 million would participate if a quality program were available in their community. (Afterschool Alliance, 2004)
- More than 14 million school age children (25 percent) are on their own after school. Among them are more than 40,00 kindergartners. (Afterschool Alliance 2004)
- The hours between 3:00p.m. and 6:00p.m. are the peak hours for juvenile crime and experimentation with drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, and sex. (Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, 2002)
- Parents miss an average of eight days of work per year due to a lack of afterschool care. (Catalyst & Brandeis University, December 2006)

Visit our North Little Rock Community Centers to enroll your child in our afterschool program today! ASPire provides a supervised, structured, and safe environment for elementary age students to begin striving toward their aspirations through various recreational and educational activities.

For more information about our afterschool program, please call (501) 791-8545 or visit us on the web www.nlrpr.org

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Lights on Afterschool!

On October 16, 2008, hundreds of thousands of children across America will join their parents, educators, and community and business leaders to rally in support of afterschool programs that keep kids safe, improve academic achievement and help working families. The North Little Rock Parks & Recrea-

tion will host a *Lights on Afterschool!* event. This event will feature guest speakers, a student talent show, showcase displays, and other activities.

North Little Rock parents, concerned citizens, community groups, political leaders, health and social service

agencies are invited to join the rally in support of afterschool programs. It will begin at 4:30p.m. at North Heights Community Center located at 4801 Allen St. North Little Rock, AR. Admission is free.

For more information, contact Jennie Cunningham at (501) 791-8545.



Created by North Little Rock Parks and Recreation, Center for the Arts and other partners.



**BOYS & GIRLS****AGES 5 - 13**

NLRPR YOUTH BASKETBALL

Registration Begins:**October 20, 2008****Registration Information**

Cost: Individual player* - \$25 per player (players will be used to form teams)

Team* - \$250 (maximum of 10 players; teams supply own uniforms)

*All players must be community center members. Memberships are available at any NLR community center for \$15-20 per year -

(ask about "A and A/B honor roll" memberships)

Forms Available: Any NLR community center (GVCC, NHCC, NLRCC, SPCC) or by calling 501-791-8545

Game Sites: GVCC, NHCC, SPCC

Deadline:**November 30, 2008****League Divisions
BOYS**

Teeny (5-6 yrs)
PeeWee (7-8 yrs)
Bantam (9-10 yrs)
Junior (11-12 yrs)
Senior (13 yrs)

GIRLS

Teeny (5-6 yrs)
PeeWee (7-8 yrs)
Bantam (9-10 yrs)
Junior (11-12 yrs)
Senior (13 yrs)



Basketball Officials' Clinic

Are you a basketball fan? Come take the opportunity to learn a craft which can produce an income.

North Little Rock Parks and Recreation is sponsoring an officials clinic. Saturday, October 18, 2008 at North Heights Community Center Located at 4801 Allen St. North Little Rock, AR.

The time will be from 9:30a.m. to 3:00p.m. The cost of the clinic will be \$15. The clinic will focus on violation recognition, hand signals, court positioning, and other aspect of officiating. Required materials: black shorts or pants, black t-shirt, tennis shoes, and a whistle (Fox 40).

Clinic Instructor: Victor Roy, 13 years Division I Officiating, Lead official Sunbelt, SWAC, and Gulf South Conferences.

For additional information, please contact Ernest Peoples (501) 791-8545.



Haunted Festival at Burns Park

Looking for a place to take your children that is affordable, safe, and tons of fun ?

Something strange and very spooky is going on at Funland this Halloween. Come and brave the Haunted Trail and aboard the Haunted Train.

Get into the Halloween

spirit at Funland with games, face painting, walk the haunted trail or ride the haunted train, and more Suitable for children all ages. Admission is \$5.

October 30, 2008 beginning at 5:30pm-8:00pm.

For more information, please call (501) 753-7307.





H O M E T O W N H O L I D A Y S

You don't have to travel far to see these northern lights.

Enjoy the show during "Holiday Lights in Burns Park" - a spectacular outdoor light display December 1-30 from 6-10 p.m. nightly. Admission is \$5 per car, \$10 for multipassenger vans and \$20 for buses.

When we turn on the lights, you'll see why North Little Rock is the place for your Hometown Holidays.

Proceeds from Holiday Lights in Burns Park to benefit 2009 Holiday Lights and

North Little Rock Parks & Recreation.

For more information, call (501) 758-1424 or (501) 753-7307



Dashin' Thru the Lights

The North Little Rock Parks and Recreation Department will host the 5th Annual Dashin' Thru the Lights on Saturday, December 13th, from 5:15-6:15 pm.

This fun dash is a chance to get out with family and friends and dash/run/walk/stroll through the Holiday Lights in Burns Park, nor-

mally a drive-thru only display. The display is 1 mile in length. Participants can even bring their leashed pets.

There is a \$5 per person or \$10 per family fee to participate, which will benefit NLR Parks and Recreation youth programs

For more information, please contact the North Little Rock Parks and Recreation Department at (501) 791-8545 or (501) 791-8543.



Get Up, Get Out and DASH (run, walk, or stroll) your way through the Holiday Lights!!

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 7 UAMS Health Fair 9:00am-1:00p.m. NHCC
- Oct. 7 Adult Sign Language Class 5:30p.m.—6:30pm NHCC
- Oct. 16 *Lights on After-school!* NHCC
- Oct. 18 Tiny Tot Games Begin GVCC
- Oct. 20 Youth Basketball Registration begins
- Oct. 25 Punt, Pass, & Kick Sectional Competition
- Nov. 13 Stack Up! GVCC, NHCC, SPCC
- Dec. 1-30 Holiday Lights 6:00pm—10:00p.m.
- Dec. 12 & 13 State Silver Gloves Boxing Tournament 7:00p.m. NLRCC
- Dec. 13. Holiday Lights Festival w/ Dashin' Thru the Lights.
- Dec. 30 Last day for Holiday Lights.





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Mission Statement

To provide efficient, effective and responsive customer oriented recreational and educational opportunities for the residents of and visitors to North Little Rock. To promote a quality of life based on harmony, cooperation, and positive values to aid in the personal growth of our patrons. To achieve and maintain community and national leadership in recreation programming, park and facility development and maintenance, and related leisure services.

Center Information

North Little Rock Community Center (NLRCC)

2700 Willow Street

(501) 791-8541

Hours: Mon-Thurs: 6:00am-9:00pm

Fri: 6:00am-7:00pm

Sat: 9:00am-5:00pm

Director: Blenda Wilson

Sherman Park Community Center (SPCC)

624 Beech Street

(501) 340-5373

Hours: Mon-Thurs: 12:00pm-8:00pm

Fri & Sat: 9:00am-5:00pm

Director: Renee Henson

Glenview Community Center (GVCC)

4800 East 19th Street

(501) 945-2921

Hours: Mon-Thurs: 10:00am-8:00pm

Fri & Sat: 9:00am-5:00pm

Director: Katrina Wilbon

North Heights Community Center (NHCC)

4801 Allen Street

(501) 791-8576

Hours: Mon-Thurs: 10:00am-8:00pm

Fri & Sat: 9:00am-5:00pm