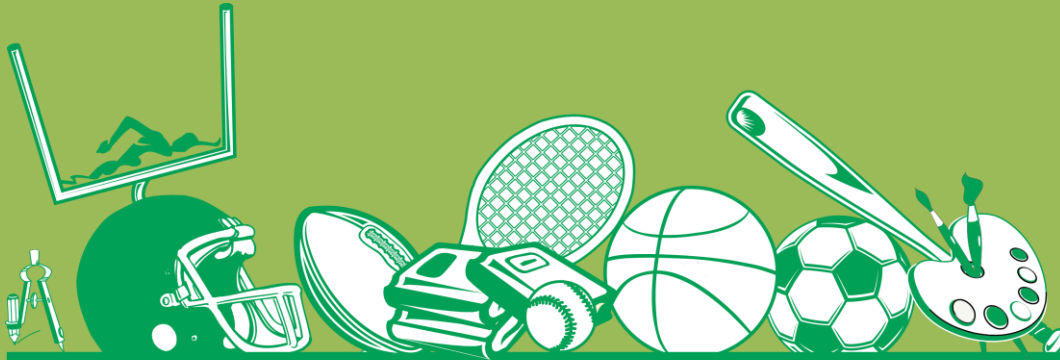




Summer Report



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Mission Statement

The Department of Recreation is committed to providing quality service to the residents of Paterson, New Jersey. We believe that the citizens of Paterson should develop an appreciation for the history, culture and contributions of the groups that contribute to the diversity of our city. Our mission is to promote excellence in the lives of each resident in the city academically, athletically and socially by providing programs that offer services for enrichment and social awareness. By adopting imaginative ideas, we will begin the regeneration of our community.





The Department of Recreation provides an assortment of recreational services for The City of Paterson's Youth through out the summer of 2014. Daily activities included academics, athletics, arts and crafts, swimming, field trips, performing arts (theater, dance and music), technology and organized



games. Our camps were from ages 5-12 and Sports camps were from ages 5-18 years of age. The summer camps were free of charge. The campers were provided breakfast and lunch. Summer Camp 2014 theme was “**A Summer to Explore.**” Every director and staff along with their campers comes up with a concept to express how they use this theme for the summer. Directors with the assistance of their counselors worked together to comprise a curriculum and different activities throughout the summer.

One of Paterson Recreation main concerns is how are we preparing our children for the future. Like adults our children are sometimes afraid to learn new concepts. As our summer camps grow we are responsible to implement change. Campers are to explore new ideas and techniques. Many obstacles were crossed but, we are still able to come together to perform opportunities for our youth. We constantly work on improving leaderships, self- esteem and social skills in our children. Our goal will never change. The goal of The Division of Recreation Summer Camps is to shape of leaders for tomorrow.





From the Desk of
Benjie E. Wimberly
Recreation Coordinator

As I reflect on this past summer, words of the Division of Recreation's mission statement resonate profoundly in my mind: "***We believe that the citizens of Paterson should develop an appreciation for the history, culture and contributions of the groups that contribute to the diversity of our city.***" As summer programming ended we saw a Division of Recreation animated by exactly this aim – an active engagement with the world around us, based upon our summer theme, "A Summer to Explore."

Diverse leadership and curriculum within our summer programs offered a wide array of eye opening activities that truly expanded the pallets of each individual we reached.

Our more than 25 camp facilities welcomed some 2,500 young people through their doors this summer, including more than 28,000 swimmers at our 2 pool locations.

The culmination of the summer concluded with our "Day in the Sun" celebration, highlighting the work that each camper and staff put in to making this year one of the more spectacular in recent years.

Special appreciation is in order for all of our community stakeholders: Mayor Jose "Joey" Torres, Paterson City Council, JC Printing and Advertising, Carlos Mosco, Sterling Rental, Bronze Heat, Bronze Shields of Passaic County, Paterson Fire Department, Paterson Police Department, Parents, Grandparents, Caretakers and so many more. They all played an active role in the development of summer experiences for Paterson's young people.

We have taken the responsibility of providing a SAFE and fun-filled environment for our youth for more than 15 years and with the support of this community, we will continue for years to come.

Thank you,

Benjie E. Wimberly
Recreation Coordinator



From the Desk of

Charles Hill

Summer Camp Coordinator

The City of Paterson Recreation Department 2014 Summer Camp can be summed up into one word as simply wonderful. This year our summer camp was comprised of trained employees such as our directors, senior counselors and junior counselors. They utilized their organizational skills by arranging, instructing, and conducting their daily assigned duties to make camp exciting and fulfilling for all campers. In addition, with the fun filled activities the campers also were able to experience new adventures by going on several field trips to Dorney Park, Jenkinson Aquarium, The Bronx Zoo, the historic Apollo Theatre and more.

Our annual summer camp extravaganza “The Day in the Sun” was a tremendous success and this year we were able to incorporate Rock Climbing Station that was a hit amongst all campers as well as, having our exciting train ride and water slide for the campers to enjoy. In addition, to our exciting activities we also had an abundance of food for the campers to enjoy which include hot dogs, hamburgers, snow cones and cotton candy.

In closing, I would like to thank all Paterson Recreation Summer Staff who made this year and every year a successful safe summer for the children of Paterson Recreation Summer Camp.

Charles Hill
Summer Camp Coordinator



Books and Balls Summer Day Camp is designed to keep our children academically enriched. Books and Balls are geared to enhance the proficiency of our students in the following subjects: Math, Language Arts and Science. The campers receive a comprehensive curriculum that was previously taught during the school year. It is our job to keep the children refreshed, sharp and alert for the upcoming school year. The curriculum includes phonetic awareness, reading comprehension, writing/spelling, math and science.

Books and Balls focus on primarily academic achievement. We designed that program for the campers who would like to enhance their education all year round. Many life skills are learned as well. Campers learn the importance of being a leader through team building activities. Organized sports, tournaments, dodge ball, kick ball, shuttle runs, exercise/workouts, and board games are just some of the few activities that were played by the campers.

The Books and Balls Summer Camp Program was held at various sites this year and as always a success. These sites include: PS #28, PS#30, PS#19, Summer Skillz (PS#13), Summer Slamm (PS#26) and The New Roberto Clemente School. Even though the camps go through some obstacles they conquer them and move forward each year. A daily schedule for these sites

begins with the directors meeting with their teachers and counselors to ensure the best possible care and instruction/ supervision for the campers. Each curriculum is age appropriate and corresponds to what was taught during the Academic/ School year. The core curriculum consists of Mathematics, Language Arts, Reading, Writing and other creative learning ideas such as Life Skills.

At all times our staff performs accordingly and maintains a high value of professionalism and concern for our children. We also provide a great deal of fun activities. Our children attend field trips and camp excursions. The children have attended Riverside Pool, Branch Brook Park Roller Skating Rink, Fabian Movie Theater, Paterson Public Library and Wallington Lanes.

The Paterson Division of Recreation also provides an Autistic Books and Balls Camp which is located at PS #13. This program allows the Division of Recreation to reach children with disabilities. Autism is a learning disability that requires a person to be involved in an array of activities. Therefore, the campers enjoyed certain multi- sensory activities that will enhance their learning skills. We are very hands on and patient with our campers. We not only provide them with education, but we also allow them to participate in many social and outdoor activities. This allows them to express themselves and discover their surroundings.

Every year the parents of the City of Paterson express their gratitude for providing a free camp that is designed for Autistic Campers. The Division of Paterson Recreation is embracing Autism and recognizing that there are many children in our schools and community that are currently Autistic.

The Summer Camps sponsored by the Division of Recreation was filled with many great recreational activities for our youth. Our activities at the summer camps included: athletics, arts and crafts, dancing, girl scouts, karate, swimming, drama, fishing, computers, face painting, acting lessons, scriptwriting, music instruction and many more. Some camp sites invited a host to informational seminars on topics including career choices, self-esteem, leadership, healthy living and nutrition. Each site was monitored by highly qualified staff and campers had opportunity to participate in a variety of exciting trips. The Summer Camps were free of charge. Breakfast and lunch was served to all campers. The day camp's ages ranged from 5 to 13 years old.

The Summer Camps were as followed:

- St. Luke's Baptist Church
- Buckley / Eastside / Totowa Oval / Wrigley & Roberto Clemente Park
- Riverside Housing Development
- School # 25
- Second Baptist Church
- Jump Start Performing Arts Program
- Cross Roads
- Whole New World
- Autistic Camp @ Public School #13
- Soccer Camp where at Buckley Park

Even though these sites were not Books and Balls they participated in some academic stimulation. The two academic areas that were focused on were Reading and Mathematics. This allowed the campers to sharpen their skills even

though they knew their day would be full of fun activities. The camps added structure to the lives and enabled each child to foster relationships/ friendships and responsibility. The emphasis from all staff members at the site taught the campers professionalism, sportsmanship, teamwork and leadership. Programs at the sites were diverse and always promoted positively.

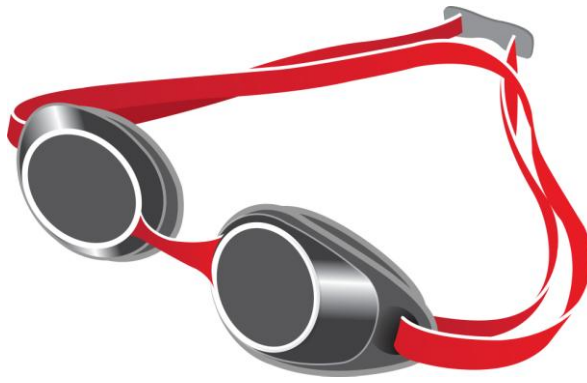
Each camp site structured the camps in many different ways. The general age groups were 5-7, 8-10 and 11-14. Each group had their own designated activities that were implemented by the counselors and directors of each site. These activities included

- Reading
- Soccer
- Morning/ Afternoon Work-Outs
- Golfing
- Strategizing (Chess, Brain Teasers, Manipulative)
- Relay Races
- Tug-A-War
- Volleyball
- Football
- Basketball
- Talent Show Case
- Arts and Crafts
- Computer Labs
- Library
- Cooking

- Wii and Play Station
- Movie Day
- Much More

Each summer camp site had the opportunity to experience cultural field trips such as, visiting and touring the Center City Mall in Paterson, Day In the Sun at Eastside Park, Jenkinson Aquarium, New York Aquarium, Clifton Commons, Seaside Heights, Wallington Lanes, Riverside Vets and Lou Costello Swimming Pools and etc.





SWIM REPORT

The summer of 2014 has come to a close and we are grateful for another successful summer. This year we experienced several heat waves with temperatures in excess of 90° or more. Employing 40 lifeguards and over 70 pool attendants at two locations the facilities remained safe, secure and clean. During the height of the heat waves we were open and full functioning. The pool staffs professionalism and detail to service to should be commended. Over the course of the summer we at the Paterson pools registered over **7,000 city residents** and had an attendance over 2,000 for the summer. It is great to see such high attendance and registrations at the pools.

The Paterson Aquatic Program has grown by leaps and bounds. Offering services such as swim lessons, Life guard Training, First Aid, CPR and AED training. All training is done in house by Red Cross Certified trainers. The number of students in swim lessons and lifeguard training has increased and we are looking forward to continued growth.



Daily Pool Attendance

Day	Date	8-5 PM	6-9 PM	Day Totals
Tuesday	7/1/2014	83	110	193
Wednesday	7/2/2014	379	11	390
Thursday	7/3/2014	530	114	644
Friday	7/4/2014	404	90	494
Saturday	7/5/2014	479	137	616
Sunday	7/6/2014	216	43	259
Monday	7/7/2014	246	261	507
Tuesday	7/8/2014	41	40	81
Wednesday	7/9/2014	227	172	399
Thursday	7/10/2014	170	57	227
Friday	7/11/2014	519	179	698
Saturday	7/12/2014	472	304	776
Sunday	7/13/2014	486	249	735
Monday	7/14/2014	43	11	54
Tuesday	7/15/2014	251	69	320
Wednesday	7/16/2014	341	46	387
Thursday	7/17/2014	60	125	185
Friday	7/18/2014	254	73	327
Saturday	7/19/2014	371	361	732
Sunday	7/20/2014	1028	220	1248
Monday	7/21/2014	228	198	426
Tuesday	7/22/2014	580	327	907
Wednesday	7/23/2014	607	239	846
Thursday	7/24/2014	711	216	927
Friday	7/25/2014	516	298	814
Saturday	7/26/2014	271	272	543
Sunday	7/27/2014	342	380	722
Monday	7/28/2014	578	354	932
Tuesday	7/29/2014	222	156	378
Wednesday	7/30/2014	261	101	362
Thursday	7/31/2014	250	437	687
Friday	8/1/2014	294	136	430
Saturday	8/2/2014	254	173	427
Sunday	8/3/2014	479	258	737
Monday	8/4/2014	649	337	986
Tuesday	8/5/2014	712	267	979

Day		8-5 PM	6-9 PM	Day Totals
Wednesday	8/6/2014	493	37	530
Thursday	8/7/2014	256	121	377
Friday	8/8/2014	235	55	290
Saturday	8/9/2014	316	8	324
Sunday	8/10/2014	356	23	379
Monday	8/11/2014	249	140	389
Tuesday	8/12/2014	384	191	575
Wednesday	8/13/2014	289	157	446
Thursday	8/14/2014	469	201	670
Friday	8/15/2014	618	354	972
Saturday	8/16/2014	308	16	324
Sunday	8/17/2014	225	23	248
Monday	8/18/2014	241	95	336
Tuesday	8/19/2014	256	48	304
Wednesday	8/20/2014	closed	closed	0
Thursday	8/21/2014	60	17	77
Friday	8/22/2014	133	69	202
Saturday	8/23/2014	194	101	295
Sunday	8/24/2014	112	221	333
Monday	8/25/2014	123	40	163
Tuesday	8/26/2014	158	52	210
Wednesday	8/27/2014	103	8	111
Thursday	8/28/2014	73	5	78
Friday	8/29/2014	33	78	111
Saturday	8/30/2014	216	79	295
Sunday	8/31/2014	74	15	89

Total for summer 2014

28503

“A DAY IN THE SUN”

“A Day in the Sun” is the Paterson Division of Recreation closing summer ceremony program. All of our summer camp sites met on August 14, 2014 to participate and enjoy the festivities at Eastside Park. This year’s theme was “A Summer to Explore” We had a carnival theme and the children and parents enjoyed themselves no matter what age. During the festivities, the campers enjoyed themselves with our annual tradition of having cartoon character amuse, greet the young children and have their famous dance off. The following is provided at A Day and the Sun:

- Banner Contest
- Games
- Inflatable and Motorized Rides
- Face Painting
- Neighborhood Assistance
- First Aid Station
- Girl Scouts of America
- Free Teens Inc.
- Paterson Police Department
- DPW/ Recycling
- Train Rides
- Hot Dogs and Hamburgers
- Snow Cones, Cotton Candy, Pop Corn
- Clowns

All amusement activities were provided by various vendors. The Paterson Division of Recreation Arts and Crafts staff provided face painting and the posters for the vendor's stations. We also had a number of vendors on site to keep our Paterson residents up to date with jobs and other opportunities that are in our community. We also had a vendor that provided financial training for our young children.

A Day In The Sun serves as our award assembly for our campers and staff. The awards given are Director of the Year, Counselors of the Year, Camper of the Year and Camp Site of the Year. The awards were given in the following categories:

- Director of the Year
- Senior Counselor of the Year
- Jr. Counselor of the Year
- Camper of the Year
- Camp Site of the Year
- Banner Contest Winner



2014 Enrollment Report

SITE	NUMBER OF CAMPERS	NUMBER OF STAFF
St. Luke's Baptist Church	91	12
Books & Balls- NRC	130	22
Books & Balls- PS # 30	120	21
Books & Balls- PS # 28	157	13
Books & Balls- PS # 19	202	12
Books & Balls- PS # 13	25	8
Buckley Park	56	5
Eastside Park	142	20
Riverside Housing Dev.	76	6
Roberto Clemente Park	88	10
School # 25	75	6
Second Baptist	82	9
Summer Slamm- PS # 26	57	11
Totowa Oval	54	10
Wrigley Park	42	9
Jump Start	64	10
Summer Skillz- PS # 13	72	12
Seminary Baptist Church	82	6
A Whole New World	91	6
Wrigley Park	42	10
School Base	35	5
Community Baptist	63	3
PS #26 Performing Arts	42	7
School 13 Autistic	14	7
Crossroads	76	5
Sports Camp	869	34
White House		14
Total:	2,826	293



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Camp and Specialty program completed another successful year. The Sports Camp program promoted health and wellness, as well as providing a broad spectrum of different activities to the campers. The importance of having Sports Camp within the community is to introduce young athletes to different type of sports. Also, the Sports Camp provides the necessary skills to enhance the camper's performance so they will be able to compete on the high school and college level. The various sports and specialty activities consisted of basketball, flag football, base/softball, golf, soccer, Mini-Hawk cheerleading, drama, wrestling and tennis.

The Sports Camp program was composed of campers ranging in ages from four to eighteen. Some of the campers received training from former professional athletes such as Tim Thomas, Rory Sparrow, Otis Birdsong and Michael Richardson. We had guest speakers from the NBA, Paterson Health Department, and community members. This year we were able to add an additional Boys basketball campsite at Don Bosco elementary school. Tim Thomas, Niki Johnson and James Lattimore provided the campers at Don Bosco with wonderful motivational speeches. We also were able to open a Girls Basketball campsite for the entire summer at John F. Kennedy Educational

Complex. Both campsites were very successful and they were full to capacity with children eager to learn the sport. Michael Ray Richardson and Otis Birdsong held their annual one week Boys Basketball camp at Roberto Clemente elementary school. They stayed for an additional week to conduct a one week Girls Basketball Camp. The Paterson Health Department provided imperative information about health issues among females to the girls attending the Michael Ray Richardson and Otis Birdsong basketball camp.

All of the campers learned fundamental skills for each sport. For example, campers who participated in Tennis Camp learned various skills such as serving, returning serves, ground strokes, volley's and overhead smashes. The camper participated in fun match-play games such as "King or Queen of the courts" as well. The Sports Camp goal is not only to enhance camper's athletic skills but to help develop camper's physical and emotional skills as well. The Sports Camp program increased the camper's awareness of the importance of eating healthy and staying fit. Also, the Sports Camp program promoted team work and self-esteem.













PATERSON RECREATION STAKEHOLDERS:

City of Paterson
Paterson City Council
Paterson Public Schools
Crown Roll Leaf, Inc.
Girl Scouts of America
Paterson Housing Authority
Paterson Catholic Regional H.S.
NY Liberty
Creech Temple UHC
St. Augustine Presbyterian Church
Jump Start Performing Arts
Positive Impact
Playaz Basketball Club
Pioneers Basketball Club
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
B.R.O.T.H.E.R.S. of Paterson
Jacksonville – Mike Jackson, Proprietor
McDonald's – Alisha Harrison, Proprietor
Berniece Toledo – Passaic County Surrogate
Barcia Brothers Fencing
Nicholas Real Estate Agency
Rackson Corp. – Ron Johnson, Proprietor
Ike & Randy's Gym Boxing Club
S&A Screen Printing
Joe Grier Boxing Academy
Paterson Old Timers
Paterson Midget Basketball League
Paterson Girls Basketball League
U.S. Tennis Association
Calvary Baptist Church
Community Baptist Church of Love
Seton Hall University
Rutgers University
Paterson Instructional Youth Football League

Mayor Jose "Joey" Torres
Passaic County Community College
Taub Foundation
Boys and Girls Club
P.C.S.S.T.
St. Luke Baptist Church
Tim Thomas/ Shed Light Foundation
Mike Adams – Indianapolis Colts
United Negro College Fund
Second Baptist Church
Inner-Faith Performing Arts
P.A.L.
Essence Carson – NY Liberty
Sparks Basketball Club
Camel Judo, LLC
Victor Cruz – NY Giants
Paterson Scorpions Wrestling Club
Dot Designig
Mr. John Setteducato
Grand Hardware
LaNeve's Restaurant
R&R Sporting Goods
R&D Promotions
Costello Boxing Gym
L&F Graphics
Pop Warner Football
Twin Valley Football
Passaic County Golf Course
New Jersey Parks & Recreation
Christian Fellowship Center
Bergen PAC
Y.M.C.A.
The Brownstone
National Football League