

CAP Directors Report

August 2021

Adult Athletics

The Fitness Center will be welcoming a new cable cross machine and cardio rower in the next few weeks! These are great updates before the cooler months come around. In September the Fitness Center will open again for our student time.

Adult Enrichment

There are no Adult Enrichment programs happening at this time.

Aquatics

The month of August included our summer programming coming to an end. Group swim lessons and Blue Fins Stroke Clinic concluded. Blue Fins Stroke Clinic had 30 participants overall. Masters continues into September with the next session starting the second week of September and the instructor, Zeus, starting in October. Our next set of group lessons also continue starting mid-September along with Blue Fins season. Also coming up in the Fall we are offering a Lifeguard Instructor Certification course and a couple of Lifeguard Certification courses. We are working hard to add lifeguards to our staff that work the daytime hours as all of the guards currently on staff are high schoolers.

CAP CARE & Preschool

CAP CARE recently completed 12 successful weeks of Day Camp, without any COVID complications as well. By far the favorite trip of the summer was our annual trip to Noah's Ark. CAP CARE took 29 children and 8 staff members on this trip. All those who attended said it was "The best trip of the summer!"

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to our long time Lead Teacher, Gabriella Stachel as she accepted a Before and After School Coordinator position at the YMCA in Oconomowoc. Gabriella had been with us for five years, although we are sad to see her go, we are very excited for her new opportunity.

We also welcomed Zach Terney as an assistant teacher. Zach will be attending Madison Community College this fall.

This fall CAP CARE will now be open from 6:00 a.m. - 6:00p.m., offer morning or afternoon 4K care as well as a trial year of accepting three-year olds. The morning 3K & 4K class will have nine kids in it. The afternoon 3K & 4K class will have 13 kids. After school the Wonder World class will have 15 kids. The enrollment for the three-year olds will also include participating in First Friends. Imagination station will have 27 children and Discovery Island will have 13. CAP Care currently has a wait list of seven children. Those include 3 three-year olds, two in 4K, two in Kindergarten, and one in 2nd grade. There are also nine children on the 4K interest list for the 2022-2023 school year. CAP CARE has increased the license from 45-60 children with a total of 67 enrolled at this time.

First Friends is anticipated to have 10 children enrolled and is excited to be offering the program after a year off due to COVID.

Community Café

The August Community Cafe was hosted by the Cambridge Foundation on August 5. The Cafe hosted approximately 125 people at Lake Ripley Park. The September Community Cafe will be the last event for this program at the park. The Cafe will be moving back to the high school commons beginning in October.

Food Pantry

The Cambridge Food Pantry served 73 households in the month of August including 29 adults, 24 kids, and 20 seniors. The pantry also added 3 new households in August.

The Food Pantry is working with the school district to establish a program for CSD students which will replace the Blue Jay Backpack program. Ideas include setting up space in each school where students would have access to snacks and small meals that can be eaten at school or brought home.

Ripley Park

Ripley Park struggled with E.coli water quality for the month of August. There were a total of 5 closure dates due to E.coli and several days under advisory. The water was deemed clean and clear on August 26th. The park served 4,544 guests not counting the individuals attending the Community Cafe and Try Cambridge Tri. Gate revenue was over \$6,700. The concession stand sales were over \$1,481 for the month of August. Starting on August 9th, the concession stand started to liquidate their items and reduced prices. Shelter rentals slowed down and some rescheduled due to the water quality. Many strategies to prevent these water quality issues are being researched to prevent fewer issues next year. The park's extra amenities ended on September 6th.

Seniors

The new format for Senior Luncheons continues to be well received. The first luncheon in August was at the Nikolay Middle School Picnic Tent that was moved inside due to heat and they enjoyed boxed lunches from CC's Sandwiches and Euchre. The 2nd luncheon was held at the Cambridge High School where they were entertained by Craig's Kite demonstrations and a CAP catered lunch. They have enjoyed utilizing different venues and food options of the community. We are going to continue to schedule 2 luncheons a month with one being an entertainer and the second being a social gathering such as cards or bingo.

Youth Athletics

The softball season ended in August with their End of Season Tournament. The U10/U12/U14 had a fantastic season and loved the new jerseys! Flag football and soccer teams are set and ready for their upcoming seasons. Cambridge Market will be accompanying us each night of those programs offering concessions and preordered dinners!

Youth Center

The Youth Center was very minimally attended in the month of August. It was closed the Tuesday before school started to get ready for the school year. The Youth Center is currently struggling finding employees for the school year. The Youth Center opened on September 1st for the school year schedule of Monday through Friday 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. So far, the attendance has been high with the average of 27 students.

New Hires

Hailey Koenig
Zachary Tierney

Respectfully Submitted,
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