

## **CAP Directors Report**

*September 2021*

### **Adult Athletics**

The Fitness Center will be welcoming a new cable cross machine and cardio rower very soon. Adult Co-Ed Volleyball will be returning in the winter. An Adult Basketball League is also in the works.

### **Adult Enrichment**

September was the first time in a year that Ladies Day Away was held. The nine ladies were very pleased to be back.

### **Aquatics**

The month of September was a rough transition as college students went back to their institutions and high school students started their course work and extracurriculars. After losing a couple of employees it has been difficult to staff guard hours as well as group lessons since it is the same employees that act in both roles. Because of this, we will have to cut group lessons for the second session. For the upcoming guard class, we have lowered the price to \$50 in hopes of gaining more registrants that can be hired on as lifeguards for the Cambridge Area Community Pool. Blue Fins are off to a strong start with the first meet occurring on October 22nd. Masters is also doing well as the coach, Zeus, is back and challenging the swimmers on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Pool Deck Yoga is also occurring throughout the Fall and Winter mostly on Tuesday mornings. Overall, programming is going well and LeAnne is hopeful that gaining more staff after the November class will alleviate some stress for her and her staff.

### **CAP CARE & Preschool**

CAP CARE has had a successful start to the 2021-2022 school year. During the month of September there were 72 children enrolled in the program. This was the first year that CAP CARE extended hours from a split shift schedule to being open from 6am-6pm. This allowed the program to enroll children in morning or afternoon 4K. As a result, CAP CARE enrolled 18 children from 4K compared to previous years of 14.

This change also allowed CAP CARE to extend the enrollment age from four years to three years as long as those children would be entering 4K the following school year. This trial year option was open to families already enrolled in the program. As a result, there were three children enrolled with two more projected in the month of October.

The Kindergarten class enrolled seven. The 1st grade class enrolled eight. The 2nd grade class enrolled eighteen. Third and fourth grade each enrolled seven.

Miss Meghan has continued the TEACH scholarship and is currently enrolled in the Leadership Credential through UW Platteville. Miss Kristin was also hired as an Assistant Teacher. She is currently attending MATC's Early Childhood program. Miss Mandy attended the NRPA National conference in Nashville where she brought back many ideas that she is excited to start implementing.

September was also the last month that CAP CARE offered the outdoor movie night. The movie was Hocus Pocus and the event was very well attended.

The first Parent's Night Out of the year was hosted in September. There were ten children in attendance.

First Friends started up again for the first time in over a year with ten children in attendance. All children are required to wear a mask while inside. Miss Kristen and Miss Jen have been very kind and compassionate about the process. After the first week everyone settled into a routine of daily themes, crafts, snacks, free play, outside activities, and most importantly, making new friends.

### **Community Café**

The last Community Cafe of the season took place at Ripley Park hosted by the East Koshkonong Lutheran Church. After discussions with Marggie Banker the remainder of the Community Dinners that had been scheduled to take place at the high school will be postponed in an abundance of caution due to ongoing concerns over COVID 19. The dinners will resume at the park next June.

### **Food Pantry**

The Cambridge Food Pantry served 73 neighbors in September including 24 adults, 29 children and 20 seniors. Two new families registered for the Food Pantry in September.

The Food Pantry is working with Kristin Gowen and the school district to establish student pantries at each of the 3 district buildings. Final plans will be brought to the CAP Director and the school district for approval by the end of October.

### **Ripley Park**

Ripley Park was fully open until September 6. After that the gatehouse and concession stand closed for the season. The gatehouse and concession stand were also closed Sept 1-3 while the staff was back in school. Labor Day weekend welcomed 383 people with Sunday being poor weather. The park started to transition to the fall by beginning fall clean-up, closing down the extra amenities such as the main bathrooms. Many groups still utilized the park for shelter rentals, family gatherings, and sports.

### **Seniors**

Senior Luncheons have been going strong with an average of 27 participants. On September 8th, Keystone hosted the luncheon and donated a spaghetti & meatball dinner. For entertainment the 3/4 Time Quartet performed. The September 22nd luncheon was hosted by the Cambridge Lion's Group and they donated a mostaccioli bake while we played bingo for fall prizes. The Lion's Club even had a special door prize giveaway of their own. We continue to be thankful for community sponsors, venues, and caterers that have supported this great program.

### **Youth Athletics**

In September our Flag Football / Soccer teams started up their 2021 season. We had great numbers across the board for all age groups. CAP welcomed in a Deerfield 4th-5th grade flag football team this year which has sparked the possibility of creating a small league with neighboring communities for both our Flag Football and Soccer Programs.

Girls basketball will be starting practices in October. Cambridge will have a team at each grade group (4th-8th).

### **Youth Center**

The Youth Center saw some record attendance in the month of September. There was a total of 87 students receiving services this month and 63 newly registered students. There was a total of 599 check-ins which averages out to be about 28 students a day. Some days reached 40 students. We are still short-staffed and have been attempting to find two additional employees. High school volunteers have been assisting on some days. The weather has been great so we were able to spread out and utilize both classrooms, gym and outside.

### **New Hires**

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Kristin Henrichon

Respectfully Submitted,  
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