

CAP Directors Report

August 2022

Adult Athletics

Adult open gym basketball, Jazzercise, and Pickle Ball continue to meet weekly. Jordan is currently finalizing a new fitness class called NIA to be offered in the Fall.

Aquatics

Group lessons continued to run smoothly. At the end of August, a majority of our college age staff went back to school, but we had enough staff available to cover the lessons they were missing. Auggie has interviewed and plans on hiring a few more guards to help cover times left vacant due to most staff being in fall sports or extracurricular activities.

CAP CARE & Preschool

In August we officially hired 3 additional staff for the fall, Bella Hollis, Amanda Punsel, and Tiffany Jarchow.

There is once again a wait list for CAP CARE for the 2022-2023 school year:

3K wait list - 1

4K wait list - 2 (3 additional kids are currently waiting for room after 3pm)

After school waitlist - 8

Dropped from CC - 2

2023 - 2024 3K & 4K interest list- 5 kids (not including any current CAP CARE siblings)

CAP CARE increased their license from 60 kids to 70 kids for the 2023 - 2024 school year.

CAP CARE had part of their YoungStar evaluation in August.

Community Café

The Community Café returned to Ripley Park on Thursday, August 4, hosted by the Cambridge Foundation. Approximately 120 guests were in attendance.

Food Pantry

The Cambridge Food Pantry served a total of 41 unique households in the month of August, an increase of 9 households from July. Households served in August included 37 adults, 24 children and 35 seniors for a total of 96 neighbors served. This number includes delivery to 8 residents at Greenvale apartments in Cambridge.

As a result of increased use and increasing tensions among food pantry clients, and in order to better serve all our neighbors in need, the food pantry will change shopping hours and days in October. Beginning October 5, the food pantry will be open every Wednesday evening from 4:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. by appointment only.

This new process will keep the number of shoppers in the building to a maximum of 3 guests at a time. Because extracurricular activities at the middle school are at a minimum on Wednesday evenings, less

activity in the building will presumably mean a safer and more anonymous shopping experience for food pantry clients.

Ripley Park

Ripley Park was able to track 3,759 entries into the park at the gatehouse through admission sales using the drop box, mobile admission and with the gatehouse attendant when staffed. This does not include all of the shelter rental attendees since they are included into their rental fees and being rented even when the gate was not staffed. Total gate revenue for August was \$4,963. The concession stand had a revenue of \$2,257. Even with the poor weather and being short-staffed, the concession stand still did \$776 more this year in August compared to last year. There were 29 shelter reservations which included the Community Cafe that had just under 100 attendees, the Senior Luncheon which had over 30, the 1982 CHS class reunion and the Cambridge Elementary School staff party which they were able to rent for free using our new discount program for non-profit groups. Shelter reservations are already coming in strong for 2023 which has encouraged us to find a streamlined online process going forward for all Ripley Park revenue. The heightened shelter revenue assisted with making up for the lack of park passes being sold this year which was severely low compared to last year. The year ended with park pass sales of \$8,500 which was \$2,644 short from last year. On a positive note, the park was not closed at any time this year due to E.coli. It did have a minor advisory for three weeks, but never a closure. Last day for the gatehouse and concession stand is set for Labor Day on September 5th.

Seniors

The August 10 Senior Luncheon took place at Lake Ripley Park. Lunch included brats and burgers, chips, an assortment of salads and ice cream for dessert. Shout out to Heather Morgan for her amazing grilling skills! 33 Seniors attended this luncheon. The August 24 luncheon took place at the Cambridge Area Lions Clubhouse and was sponsored by Millie's Coffee and Eatery. Guests enjoyed Millie's pulled pork sandwiches, chips and dessert. Aquatics Director Auggie Brenzel was guest host and Bingo caller for this luncheon. 25 guests were in attendance.

Trips

CAP Adventures are scheduled for various locations this fall and for next year. With our partnership with Happy Times Tours & Experiences we have three fall trips planned which includes the Warrens Cranberry Festival, holiday shopping in Manitowoc, and a show in Dubuque, IA. We have also started a new partnership with Premier World Discovery and are offering three trips in 2023 to lighthouses in Maine, a train trip through the Grand Canyon and a culinary journey through Tuscany. For all of these new trips we no longer need to fill a bus. Spots are sold by seat as the company as partnered with other local communities. Our final scheduled trip to Graceland through Plans in Paradise has been canceled due to not reaching our minimums for that trip.

Youth Athletics

Preparation for the upcoming soccer and flag football season is underway. The soccer number is at an all time high with a total of 126 kids registered. Flag football has 73.

Youth Center

The Youth Center was closed for August due to lack of attendance in July. A survey will go out to parents to see how we can better serve them next year so this service can be utilized to its fullest need. It was originally scheduled to be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. The YC had two field trips scheduled for August. The co-trip with CAP CARE to Little Amerricka was canceled on

YC end due to lack of interest. They did however go on their low-impact paintball trip to Siege Paintball in Big Bend with 11 participants and two staff members, Heather hosted an open house during the NMS open house and received new 2022-23 registrations. We are searching for 1 – 2 staff members for this upcoming year.

Youth Enrichment

The Youth Enrichment programming is receiving a burst of new programming this coming fall with a new partnership with <YEL!> (Youth Enrichment League), based out of Minnesota that has expanded to the Madison area. We are adding two coding classes, a chess class, two fencing classes, and a brick building class. We are also starting a new First® LEGO® Challenge team which will be a competitive LEGO® robotics team for grades 4-8. This team will learn about different types of energy and use that knowledge to build LEGO® robots to complete required missions/tasks. We continue to offer SAFESITTER and Safe@Home classes, as well as monthly Friday night Parents Night Out events.

New Hires

Respectfully Submitted,
Jordan Nichols, Executive Director