

## **CAP Directors Report**

*September 2022*

### **Active Adults**

The September 14 Senior Luncheon took place at the Keystone Grill. Lunch included sandwich wraps and homemade soup. 24 Seniors attended this luncheon. The September 28 luncheon took place at the Amundsen Center. Guests were served baked pasta, caesar salad and bread. This meal was sponsored by Millie's Coffee and Eatery. 25 guests were in attendance.

### **Adult Athletics**

Adult open gym basketball, Jazzercise, and Pickle Ball continue to meet weekly. The first session of NIA did not meet its minimum but we will try for another session in November.

### **Aquatics**

Blue Fins is starting out strong, with lots of returning swimmers and some new families joining the teams. We started/joined a new conference this year with the other teams we normally compete against. We did this to be able to provide a more consistent season for all the teams and to be able to have an end of season conference meet. We (other teams coaches/ pool directors) wanted the season to have more for the teams to work towards.

Fall masters swim started, Zeus (our coach) was unable to start until October, so one of our other Staff members, Jordyn, has been volunteering to coach. The master's swimmers really enjoy having Jordyn coach their practices when Zeus is unable to. She brings a fresh set of eyes to the team and she has lots of experience in the competitive swimming world.

Lastly, the other pool programs have been running very well. We have hired a few new staff to fill the gaps in the schedule created by fall extracurricular activities and the new staff are all doing super well.

### **CAP CARE & Preschool**

In September we hired another student, Maddie Seiler. She will be working on completing her Assistant teacher class prior to beginning to work with kids.

Tiffany, Mikayla and Meghan are continuing to take classes related to childcare.

The wait list for CAP CARE for the 2022-2023 school year remains steady:

3K wait list - 1

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

After school waitlist - 10

Leave of Absence from CC - 1

2023 - 2024

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

CAP CARE has applied for the formal observation request for the 2022 YoungStar evaluation year

Due to the continued need for childcare and the growing wait list, CAP CARE is trying to work through different ways to accommodate that need. The biggest barrier to this solution is to hire 1 additional staff that is available at 2:30 each day.

September total: 1282 this is up 259 from this time last year

### **First Friends**

Numbers for First Friends has been down this year. For the first session of the year there were 6 kiddos registered. These kids also include those 3 year olds who are registered with CAP CARE during that time. We have also opened and advertised daily registration for First Friends.

### **Community Café**

The Community Café returned to Ripley Park on Thursday, Sept. 1 and was hosted by the Lake Ripley 4H Club. Approximately 150 guests were in attendance.

### **Food Pantry**

The Cambridge Food Pantry served a total of 39 unique households in the month of September. Households served in September included 32 adults, 24 children and 35 seniors for a total of 91 neighbors served. This number includes 2 deliveries 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. Appointments were taken at both the September 5 and the September 19 open shopping nights. Clients filled all available slots so extra time slots were added to accommodate 2 shoppers per time slot. The pantry will open earlier and remain open later in the evening on Wednesdays if necessary to accommodate all neighbors.

We are confident 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 finished up its season on Labor Day, September 5th. Total gate revenue for September was \$147. The concession stand had a revenue of \$493. Staffing and weather for Labor day weekend was poor. There were 6 shelter reservations which included the Community Cafe that had just under 200 attendees. The park was also utilized by the Cambridge Fire Department for their annual Car Show. As the 2022 park season comes to an end, we look forward to finding ways to better staff and increase revenue for Ripley Park going into 2023.

### **Trips**

CAP Adventures are scheduled for various locations this fall and for next year. With our partnership with Happy Times Tours & Experiences we had three fall trips planned which included the Warrens Cranberry Festival, holiday shopping in Manitowoc, and a show in Dubuque, IA. Unfortunately, two of the three didn't have any participants but the Manitowoc trip takes place in November. We continue

to promote the three trips in 2023 to lighthouses in Maine, a train trip through the Grand Canyon and a culinary journey through Tuscany through the company Premier World Discovery. All trips are reserved by the seat and are guaranteed to depart despite how many registered participants and provide us a commission per participant if booked.

### **Youth Athletics**

Flag Football and Soccer continue as game play began in September. Aly Farrar is our Saturday morning field supervisor for this session. Martin started September 26 and Jordan has been catching him up to speed on flag football and soccer but turning most of our attention to girls basketball.

### **Youth Center**

The Youth Center opened on September 1st for the school year. The Youth Center was open for 21 days in September with the daily average of 25 students per day. There was a total of 81 students receiving services this month with a total of 516 check-ins. They had 22 new students that registered to attend this month bringing our total participants for 2022 to 146 served. They had one event scheduled, September After Hours but was canceled due to low numbers. This has been a great place for students to go before and after extracurriculars. They welcomed one new supervisor, Aliyah Noh, and hope to add 1-2 more so there are 2-3 staffed daily to allow full coverage in all areas being utilized by the Youth Center students

### **Youth Enrichment**

#### **{YEL!} (Youth Enrichment League)**

The fencing team, coding, brick building and chess classes are due to begin in October. The new First® LEGO® Challenge team which is a competitive LEGO® robotics team for grades 4 - 8 has begun with five team members. They are able to have up to ten team members. So far, they have learned about White Energy and have created 3 of the items for their competitive missions as well as beginning to code their robot.

### **Evening preschool programming**

This year we are offering 4 additional evening programming for young kids. Currently the only one running for fall is the Monday Mini Jays. We are currently advertising for the next session of these classes:

Monday Mini Jays- a Monday night craft and play group

Preschool Playtime- a Tuesday night introduction to sports

Cooking with Kiddos- A Thursday night cooking class for preschool kiddos

Bedtime Buddies- once a quarter bedtime story, make a stuffy, and snack with your parents

### **SFX class**

For the month of October, we are offering a special effect make-up class for anyone in 5th grade and older. Each week is a new theme. Those registered will get to take home their own make-up kit from that evening's lessons. There are 6 kids registered for all 5 classes and an additional 4 - 6 for individual classes. The lessons include:

Clown

Bruises

Illusions

Skeletons

Simple wounds

**New Hires**

Aliyah Noh – Youth Center

Maddie Seiler – Lifeguard & CAP CARE

Respectfully Submitted,

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