

ADVENTURE CENTRAL

AT WESLEYAN METROPARK

TRAIL GUIDE

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NEWSFLASH! NEWSFLASH! NEWSFLASH!
Make sure kids dress for the weather! We still plan to be outside every chance we can!

Introducing:

Lynne Zimmerman, Community Resources Officer

I wanted to take the time to introduce myself, I am Officer Lynne Zimmerman. I am the new Community Resource Officer for Five Rivers MetroParks at Adventure Central. This job allows me to work with children teaching programs like Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs, and spend time in the class rooms at Adventure Central. So far I have had the privilege to work with the Adventure Central staff, on several occasions in the past seven months. In the class rooms I have discussed many topics such as Halloween Safety, and the importance of traffic lights. If you have any questions for me feel free to contact me at 277-4823. I look forward to continuing to work with your children at Adventure Central.



JET is Taking Off Soon

Adventure Central's Job Experience and Training (JET) program will be starting in just a few months. Teens interested in challenging and rewarding summer work experiences are encouraged to apply. Many new work experiences have been added to our core offerings in parks related careers and a special partnership with Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark will give 7 AC teens an opportunity to learn workplace skills through gardening and entrepreneurship. Applications will be available February 22 and due March 1.

A session on Successful Application and Interview Skills will be offered to all interested teens on February 22 from 5:30-6:30. A JET Open House will follow from 6:30-7:30 and give teens and parents an opportunity to talk with staff about what teens will be learning and doing during the summer. Mark your calendars now and keep your eyes open for more information.

JOURNAL NOTES

From the Director

Change. It is happening around us all the time and the only control that we have is how we choose to react to it. Adventure Central is changing daily as familiar faces leave, new professionals join the team, people are taking on new and exciting roles, and plans get underway for summer programs.

At Adventure Central, we have made a choice to embrace change and use it as a positive learning experience. Change presents us with the opportunity to reflect on where we have been, and more importantly, where we would like to go.

Our team has recently developed a five year strategic plan which will serve as a guide for how the Adventure Central program moves itself forward. Included in the plan are building and staff expansions as well as enhancements in the services that we provide to youth and their families. Rest assured that our focus remains on providing a high quality program that meets vital community needs.

It is truly an exciting time to be a part of the Adventure Central family and I know that the changes we are experiencing will help us continue to "Make the Best Better." Stop in and ask about where Adventure Central is going in the future, I will be happy to share the vision.

Nate Arnett, Adventure Central Director
Extension Educator



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

After-School Program

Monday-Thursday Nights

2:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Meal 4:30-5:00 Program 5:00-6:30

Pick up before 5:00 or between 6:15-6:30

Ages 5-18

Programming Resumes January 3rd

AC Activity Nights

Activity Night : 6:30pm— 8pm

Every Tuesday and Thursday

Ages: 5-18

No Program

January 15 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

February 20 (President's Day)

Family Events

January 15 MLK March and Movie at Neon Movies—Details TBA in early January

February 1 Ice Skating at RiverScape

Be on the lookout for fliers soon!

Family Resource Center

Don't forget to check out the Family Resource Center located in the front lobby.

Our team has worked hard to put you in touch with valuable resources and services available throughout the city. We welcome your suggestions and comments.



Weather Closing Information

During the winter months, please remember to watch **Channel 7** to see if Adventure Central is closed due to the weather.

Parking at AC

We all agree that the safety of the youth who attend our program is the number one priority. Cars parked on the curb into and out of the Adventure Central parking lot create an unsafe situation for youth and their families leaving the facility. These spaces are part of the fire lane and marked for no parking. **Rangers will begin ticketing violators beginning January 24.**

Please help us keep everyone safe by parking in the parking lot and coming into the building to pick up your youth. We want to make sure that we are doing everything that we can to keep everyone safe. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Winter Bus Safety Tips

- Snowball fights and snowmen may be fun, but winter activities can also be dangerous.
- Horseplay on the way to and from the bus stop can cause children to fall into the street.
- Have children wear bright colors so the bus driver can see them more easily.
- They should leave earlier than usual to allow time for navigating slick roads and sidewalks.
- Once they reach the bus stop, children should stand away from the road, because the bus may need more room to stop in ice or snow.

Got Paper?

You might have noticed that there is a bright green bin at the end of the Adventure Central parking lot. The bin is from Abitibi Paper Retriever and is for paper recycling (ex. catalogs, magazines, newspapers, junk mail, office paper) **NO CARDBOARD, PHONEBOOKS OR TRASH PLEASE.** The bin is provided at no cost and we will actually receive payment from the company based on the amount of paper generated. All proceeds go to the Adventure Central Youth Board, so save a stack of paper at home and drop it off in the bin when you pick your child up from programming. Help the Earth and help the Youth Board, it's a win-win.

Reminder

As the second half of the school year begins, please check your child's stock of school supplies. Refresh pencil and paper supplies so your child can have a fresh start in January!