

PARKS AND RECREATION SUMMER JOB FAIR

It's never too early to find that perfect summer job and Lawrence Parks and Recreation has plenty of opportunities from which to choose. From lifeguarding to fitness instruction, from camp counselor to sports umpire, Parks and Recreation has a position for everyone. You can find the position that's right for you at our annual **Summer Job Fair, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 4**. The fair will be held at the Lawrence Indoor Aquatic Center, 4706 Overland Dr. so stop by and check out our job opportunities; you'll even be able to apply on site! For more information about the job fair, please contact Lori Madaus, aquatics supervisor, at (785) 832-7946.

WOODCHIP SALE

Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department will hold two Woodchip sales this year. Dates include:

- Thursday, April 2 – 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Friday, April 3 – 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Saturday, April 4 – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, October 1 – 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Friday, October 2 – 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Saturday, October 3 – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The woodchip sale takes place at the LPRD Forestry Division facility located at 1420 E. 11th St. The sale is held rain or shine. **Cost is \$10 per pick up load, the price will be more for larger trucks.** The woodchip sale is to eliminate woodchips generated by the department throughout the year. Parks and Recreation doesn't purchase mulch, instead it recycles trees that are cut down throughout the city. The trees are then ran through a chipper and used as mulch.

ROTARY ARBORETUM TOUR

Lawrence Parks and Recreation's Horticulture Division will hold tours of the Lawrence Rotary Arboretum and Waterwise Garden will be held at 6:30 a.m. **Tuesdays, June 16, and September 22**, at the arboretum, located at 5100 W. 27th St. The tour is designed for the public to learn more about Waterwise gardening methods and to experience the educational opportunities the arboretum exhibits. The tour will feature the extensive collection of colorful wildflowers and plants. The Waterwise Xeriscape Garden is a joint collaboration of Parks and Recreation and the City's Utilities Department. The tours are free and open to the public. For more information, please contact, the Parks and Recreation Administrative Office at (785) 832-3450.

WOOD DEBRIS DROP-OFF

Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department has drop off for wood debris from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturdays April 11 through November 14, at 1420 E. 11th St. **The fee is \$3 per truckload.** No leaves are accepted at this site.

LAWRENCE CEMETERIES

The City's Parks and Recreation Department operates Oak Hill, Maple Grove and Memorial Park Cemeteries. Space is available at no charge for veterans in our Veterans Plot. For fees and further information, contact the cemetery office located in Memorial Park Cemetery, 1517 E. 15th St., Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. or call (785) 832-7955.



INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

In 2008, an Integrated Pest Management program was created by the department with input from the public. An IPM Policy Manual was created as an on-going working document for the department. The manual can be found at www.lprd.org/parks/ipm.shtml. If you have questions regarding the Integrated Pest Management program or the IPM policy manual, please call Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department's Administrative Office at (785) 832-3450.

FRIENDS OF THE PARK

Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department annually recognizes individuals, groups, organizations and businesses making contributions in support of department programs, activities and developments through the **Friends of the Park Program**. Gifts range from equipment and program support to parcels of land for park development. Donations to the **Wee Folks Scholarship Fund**, the **Memorial Tree Program**, as well as other gift-in-kind services are also included in the recognition program. A separate recognition, **Friends of Stretch**, has been developed for volunteers donating service to department activities and programs. For more information or to make a contribution, please contact the LPRD Administrative office at (785) 832-3450 or parksrec@ci.lawrence.ks.us. Larger gifts for Parks and Recreation are also accepted through the Douglas County Community Foundation.

PARKS AND PATH MAPS AVAILABLE

Lawrence Parks and Recreation encourages everyone to go outside and enjoy the city's parks, trails and open spaces. Copies of the *Park and Path Map* may be picked up at any Parks and Recreation facility. It also may be found at www.lprd.org/parks/trailmap.pdf. We encourage everyone to follow the "Keep It Safe" practices listed in this section when visiting city parks, trails and facilities.

SHELTER RENTAL AND FACILITY RENTAL FLYERS AVAILABLE

Lawrence Parks and Recreation has facilities and shelters available for rent when you're planning your organization's next meeting, your child's birthday party, family reunion or get-togethers. Copies of both flyers are available at all Parks and Recreation facility. Information may also be found in the Recreation Facilities section of this Activities Guide. For more information about shelter or facility rentals, please contact the Recreation Facilities Division, Community Building, 115 W. 11th St. (785) 832-7920.

KEEP IT SAFE

Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department makes safety a primary concern with its facilities, parks and trails. We suggest the following precautions to ensure safety for all:

- Be aware of your surroundings
- Get to know your neighborhood and community parks (entrances and access points, sight-lines, walkways and distance to destination points)
- Jog, hike or bike with a friend
- Carry a cell phone (if possible)
- Stay in well lit areas at night
- Avoid remote areas of the park
- Keep your car keys ready when approaching your car in a parking lot
- Stay in an area where you can see others involved in activities in the park
- Avoid travel in areas where groups may be mingling that may make you uncomfortable
- Avoid shrubbery/landscaping that might hide sight-lines and good visibility
- Avoid heavily-wooded areas when hiking or biking alone
- Educate children about talking to strangers and all other park safety rules
- Know where and how to report any suspicious activities to police.
- Place valuables (purses, watches, billfolds etc.) out of sight or in trunk when leaving car unattended while on trails or in parks.

If you have concerns about any of our parks, trails or facilities, please let us know at (785) 832-3450.

WEE FOLKS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In 1996, the Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department continued its commitment to the citizens of Lawrence through the establishment of the Wee Folks Scholarship Fund. The Wee Folks Scholarship Fund guarantees youth the opportunity to participate in department activities and programs regardless of economic condition and ensures their participation in activities that have a positive impact on their personal development. Donations to the Wee Folks Scholarship Fund go directly to scholarships for youth (with and without disabilities) to participate in department activities, programs and camps. Lawrence Parks and Recreation is committed to providing an outlet for youth to participate and develop positive, life-enhancing skills, which will help keep them out of trouble and from developing behaviors that endanger themselves and others. Since the establishment of the Wee Folks Scholarship Fund, Lawrence Parks and Recreation has awarded scholarships averaging more than \$15,000 yearly. Your gift to the Wee Folks Scholarship Fund will ensure the depart-



ment's mission to "never turn a child away, for the inability to pay." For more information or to make a contribution, contact: LPRD; P.O. Box 708; Lawrence KS 66044; (785) 832-3450.

TEE SIGN SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Eagle Bend Golf Course and Learning Center, 1250 E. 902 Rd., has opportunities for businesses to advertise on the tee signs at each of the 18 holes on the course. Each hole's sign features the hole layout, yardage from each tee marker, the Eagle Bend logo and a 12"x12" sign to advertise your business. For more information, please contact John Morris, golf operations supervisor, (785) 748-0600 or Roger Steinbrock, marketing supervisor, (785) 832-3458.

ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM

Participate in Parks and Recreation's Adopt-A-Park program and assist with keeping City parks clean and free of trash and debris. Organizations, groups and families are invited to participate. **Each group is asked to pick up trash and debris a minimum of four times during a calendar year.** Groups may also select the park (*depending on availability*) to adopt. For more information, please contact Robert Wilson at the Community Building, (785) 832-3450.

VOLUNTEERS

Want to volunteer with the Parks and Recreation Department? We offer many opportunities to get involved! From youth coaches to assisting with city landscaping, there's something for everyone. Volunteers working with youth will be screened through a background check process. For more information on how to volunteer, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department's Administrative Office, 947 New Hampshire St., Suite 200B, (785) 832-3450.

GIFT CERTIFICATES

Don't know what to get that special someone? Why not give them something fun that will help keep them active? A Lawrence Parks and Recreation gift certificate is the perfect gift! A gift certificate can be purchased in any amount and may be used to participate in any activity, program or class. Please contact Parks and Recreation at (785) 832-7920.

NATURE CENTER GIFT SHOP

Prairie Park Nature Center's Gift Shop, 2730 Harper St., offers items of nature. Books on birding, clothing, rocks, games and puzzles will help you "get wild." For more information, please contact Prairie Park Nature Center at (785) 832-7980.

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

Want to help support Parks and Recreation and also get your business name out? The *Lawrence Parks and Recreation Activities Guide* is released twice a year – in April and December, listing all the classes, programs and activities for two seasons. Your support not only helps promote your business but also shows community support of its programs and activities. To place an ad or find out more information, please contact Roger Steinbrock, Marketing Division, at (785) 832-3450 or e-mail parksrec@ci.lawrence.ks.us.