

# Centre Region Parks & Recreation

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## 2010 Summer Program Report 1 Jun 2010 through 6 Sep 2010



The new waterslides at Welch Pool (under construction).

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**For presentation to the CRPR Board**

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## *Centre Region Parks & Recreation . . . Summer 2010*

Thanks to continued municipal and staff cooperation, this was another successful summer for Centre Region Parks & Recreation! The value of 40+ years of municipal cooperation continues to “make smiles happen.” Our residents enjoy the opportunities that result from this cooperation; this report documents their participation. But an equally important responsibility involves maintaining municipal park facilities for residents to utilize for recreation on their own, with their family or with their group. The success of municipal cooperation is enjoyed by residents from across the Centre Region. On behalf of the CRPR staff, our thanks for your ongoing support! **“CRPR - Where Everyone Plays!”**

*Ronald J. Woodhead, Director*

Summer Day Camps	Summer 2009	Summer 2010
Wee KIDVenture Camp (Ages 3-5, mornings only) at Easterly Parkway Elementary School	135 (7 weeks) Average of 19 per wk.	156 (8 weeks) Average of 19.5 per wk.
KIDVenture Camp (Grades 1-6, full-day) at SCAHS South Building.	252 (7 weeks) Average of 36 per wk.	247 (8 weeks) Average of 31 per wk.
KIDVenture Camp (Grades 1-6, full-day) at PF Elem. School	389 (8 weeks) Average of 49 per wk.	397 (8 weeks) Average of 50 per wk.
Camp Bill Theatre Camp (Shakespeare)	15	36
Martial Arts & Culture Camp for Youth (3 weeks)	28	31
Wild Wednesday Getaway Weekly Field Trips (Grades 6-8)	24	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>904</b>

*2010 was a good year for summer camps. Wee KIDVenture had an explosive year with almost every week full. The 3-5 year old campers had a blast exploring, creating and having fun. Camp Bill was also a huge success in 2010. It was apparent that the Park Forest Elementary site for KIDVenture was extremely popular thanks, in part, to nearby Park Forest Pool. Registrations were a little lower at the South High School site, but we believe when outdoor swimming at Welch Pool resumes in 2011, enrollment will return to normal. We look forward to continuing all the partnerships we have for summer camps and hope to offer just as many, if not more in 2011.*

*Beth C. Lee, Recreation Supervisor - Programs & Special Events*

Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Programs	Summer 2009	Summer 2010
Family Programs (# of registrants including Birthday Parties)	223	147
Children's Programs (# of registrants)	321	373
Camps, Events & Meetings (# of visitors)	822	1,568
Facility Rentals by Groups (# of visitors including school rentals)	346	795
Group Programs (# of individuals)	765	937
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,477</b>	<b>3,820</b>

*Summer was a successful season for the nature center with a new Nature Adventures Art Camp and Youth Kayak Camp added to the other popular summer camps offered previously. Children's programs increased with the addition of the Wetland Wednesday programs and the “Event” segment increased due to the Music Nights in the Marsh series, which drew over 300 people to six concerts. More summer group programs and increased rentals were also scheduled this summer.*

*Molly A. Hetrick, Recreation Supervisor - Nature Center*

<b>Fitness &amp; Sports</b>	<b>Summer 2009</b>	<b>Summer 2010</b>
Youth Track Meets (5 meets per year)	261	281
Smart Start Soccer (not including the required parent)	90 (+wait list 6)	76 (+wait list 6)
Smart Start Basketball (not including the required parent)	24	19
Quick Start Tennis Workshop <b>NEW!</b>	<i>Not offered</i>	7
Quick Start Jr. Team Tennis <b>NEW!</b>	<i>Not offered</i>	24 (+1 wait list)
Junior Team Tennis <b>NEW!</b>	<i>Not offered</i>	24 (+2 wait list)
U.S.T.A. Youth Tennis Lessons (Ages 7-16)	132	89
Adult Tennis Lessons	43 (+wait list 2)	38
Adult Sunday Social Mixers Tennis <b>NEW!</b>	<i>Not offered</i>	13
Coed Adult Outdoor Volleyball Program	19	12
Zumba <b>NEW!</b>	<i>Not offered</i>	20
Adult Softball League - Men	220 (11 teams)	240 (12 teams)
Adult Softball League - Women <b>NEW!</b>	<i>Not offered</i>	80 (4 teams)
<b>TOTAL (not including wait lists)</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>923</b>

*During 2010 we added several new programs that were very popular: 2 new Youth Tennis Leagues, an Adult Tennis Mixer, the Zumba Fitness Class and a Women's Softball League. The Youth Track Meets were more popular than ever with 281 attending 5 meets. We changed the Youth Evening Tennis Lessons to the Youth Tennis Leagues. For 2011 we are planning to add 2 men's softball leagues at Hess Field as well as expanding the Women's Softball League. We will also add 1 or 2 additional youth track meets as requested by parents and kids.*

***Jeff R. Hall, Recreation Supervisor - Sports & Fitness***

<b>Special Programs &amp; Services</b>	<b>Summer 2009</b>	<b>Summer 2010</b>
Discounted Amusement Park Tickets - Gross Revenue <i>(Net proceeds benefit the Gifts-For-Parks program)</i>	\$40,838	\$43,067
Picnic Pavilion Reservations (year-to-date) <i>(23 pavilions at 17 parks available for reservation @ \$40 / \$45)</i>	\$33,159	\$35,422
Sportfield Reservations (year-to-date, available at 17 parks)	\$2,975	\$6,195
Sport Pack Rentals (free with pavilion)	25	26
CRPR Touch-A-Truck Event	Approx. 375	Approx. 400
"Kids on Wheels" Decorating (children & parents)	15	50
"Kids on Wheels" Parade (children & parents)	Approx. 300	Approx. 300
Art-in-the-Parklet Craft Tent at Arts Festival	Approx. 550	Approx. 525
Bike-In Movie Nights	300 (4 nights)	295 (3 nights)
Nittany Valley Shakespeare Festival in the Parks (7 shows)	745 (w/ some rain)	1,020

## AQUATICS

Pool Season Passes	Park Forest Pool		Welch Pool <i>(closed for 2010)</i>	
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Ages 3-10 (\$50 R / \$75 N)	458	<b>721</b>	365	n / a
Ages 11-64 (\$65 R / \$98 N)	659	<b>995</b>	543	n / a
Ages 65+ (\$50 R / \$75 N)	14	<b>29</b>	18	n / a
5 <sup>th</sup> + Person (\$30 R / \$45 N per person)	50	<b>86</b>	57	n / a
<b>Total Pass Sales</b>				
2009 \$104,828 from 2,164 passes (two pools)	1,181	<b>1,831</b>	983	n / a
2010 \$ 97,030 from 1,831 passes (one pool)				

• 1 Lap Swim Pass for the High School Nat was sold; Park Forest Season Passes were valid only for the HS Nat. General Swims.

Daily Admissions	Park Forest Pool		Welch Pool <i>(closed for 2010)</i>	
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 2 &amp; under (Swim Diaper Required) Free</li> <li>• Youth (Age 3-10) \$4 R / \$6 N</li> <li>• Regular (Age 11+) \$5 R / \$7 N</li> <li>• After 5 PM (All ages) \$4 R / \$6 N</li> <li>• Non-Swimming Adult (not attired in swimwear) \$2</li> </ul>				
Daily Admissions Processed	15,449	<b>20,282</b>	6,322	n / a
Daily Admission Totals				
2009: (2 pools) \$92,196	\$64,931	<b>\$91,810</b>	\$27,265	n / a
2010: (1 pool) \$91,810				

• General Swims and Lap Swims were also available at the High School Natatorium for 2010; 11 admissions (\$46) were processed.  
• Of the 20,282 admissions in 2010, 17 involved the nonresident rates vs. 78 nonresident admissions in 2009.

Outdoor Pool Visits	Park Forest Pool		High School Nat <i>(Welch closed for 2010)</i>	
	<u>2009 PF</u>	<u>2010 PF</u>	<u>2009 Welch</u>	<u>2010 HS Nat</u>
Recreational Visits (Season Pass & Paid Admission) <i>(Includes general swim, family swim, lap swim &amp; groups)</i> Essentially, during 2010 Park Forest Pool hosted 150% of the 2009 recreational visits there.	30,929	<b>45,945</b>	19,167	<b>16</b>
Instructional / Competitive Visits <i>(does not include Swim Meet spectators)</i>	<u>7,336</u>	<u>7,218</u>	<u>7,180</u>	<u>7,680</u>
<b>Total All Visits</b>				
2009 = 64,612 (PF & Welch)	38,265	<b>53,156</b>	26,347	<b>7,696</b>
2010 = 60,859 (PF & HS Nat.)				

<b>Youth Swim Lessons</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Park Forest Pool	175 (+ wait list 11)	177 (+ wait list 20)
Welch Pool ( <i>closed for 2010</i> )	134 (+ wait list 3)	n / a
High School Natatorium	196 (+ wait list 19)	263 (+ wait list 19)
<b>Total Swim Lesson Registrations</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>440</b>

<b>Special Aquatic Programs</b>	<b>Summer 2009 at PF and Welch</b>	<b>Summer 2010 at PF and HS Nat.</b>
“Triple O” (One-On-One) Swim Lessons	92 + wait list 11	86 + wait list 14
Swim Team - Park Forest Pool	180	182
Swim Team - Welch Pool ( <i>at HS Nat for 2010</i> )	182	164
CPR Recertification	31	49
ARC Lifeguarding Recertification	15	9
Youth Triathlon ( <i>to resume in 2011</i> )	46	<i>Not offered</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>490</b>
“Family Fun Nights” - 4 events	Approx. 400	Approx. 1,200
Hot Night Swims	3 nights	4 nights
Private Pool Rentals (Park Forest Pool)	7 rentals	12 rentals
Pavilion Reservations (Park Forest Pool)	31 reservations	32 reservations

*With Welch Pool not opening due to construction, operations for 2010 were very challenging - but our residents were very understanding and accommodating. Overall, 2010 was a hot & dry summer, and Park Forest Pool visits were increased above and beyond the expected surge in visits. The rental of the High School Natatorium was a valuable option, as the agency was able to offer programs, open swim time and lap swim time there in June and July.*

***Todd A. Roth, Aquatics Supervisor***

<b>Centre Region Senior Center</b>	<b>Summer 2009</b>	<b>Summer 2010</b>
Noontime Meals Served (4 days per week, May - Aug)	1,647	1,632
Visits to Programs & Special Events (May - Aug)	5,856	7,540
Centre County Senior Games (June)	235	241

*Programs visits increased due to expanded program opportunities at the Senior Center. For example, the center initiated a new program: “The CRPR Active Walkers” for 10-weeks in the Spring - and it continued through the summer with walks in the local parks and other local areas of interest. 2010 was our 22<sup>nd</sup> year of coordinating the Centre County Senior Games, which involved 241 participants (bocce, bowling, basketball hot shot, water volleyball, table tennis, softball throw, indoor walk, golf & the outdoor walk).*

***Virginia Shawley, Senior Center Supervisor***

## Parks Maintenance and Municipal Park Improvements

Our residents are fortunate to benefit from the park improvement projects by each participating municipality, coupled with those that involved CRPR resources. A review of how well all the parks looked this past summer and the projects that were completed demonstrates that the CRPR Parks Crew successfully met the challenge of the July 1 departure of the PA Conservation Corp crew.

In addition to regular parks maintenance, some park projects from Summer 2010 included:

**Recycling Project:** With the support of the Centre Region COG, a pilot recycling project was instituted at 6 sites:

Blue Spring Park	Circleville Park	Fogleman Field Complex
Spring Creek Park	Tom Tudek Memorial Park	Millbrook Marsh Nature Center

From June - August the Parks Crew collected and recycled 270 pounds of plastic and 130 pounds of aluminum from the 6 sites. That is about 4,300 plastic bottles and 3,900 aluminum cans. As information is collected and analyzed regarding the program's success, opportunities will become evident for additional locations or adjustments. Likely areas targeted for future recycling are the Hess Field Complex, Welch Pool, Park Forest Pool and the planned regional parks.

**Sunset Park:** Constructed a single-table pavilion.

**Thompson Woods Preserve - Parking Area:** Installed split rail fence, paths and parking spaces.

**Orchard Park & Spring Creek Park:** Completely renovated each softball field (1 at each park) including edging, adding infield mix, regrading and seeding.

**Circleville Park:** Patton Township finished the new phase with playground equipment, bocce courts, grills, benches, landscaping, a maintenance building and a pavilion with fireplace.

**Circleville Park:** Constructed an enclosure for the portable toilet.

**Millbrook Marsh Nature Center:** Installed windows in the Wetlab (in barn) and repainted the nature center logo on the side of the barn.

**Hess Softball Field Complex:** Starting on Sept. 2 (the day after the Sept. 1 acquisition), staff began the renovations at the complex: removed old bleachers, backstops, players benches, picnic tables and dugouts; renovated Field #1 by regrading, correcting drainage, cutting sod, edging and planting grass; began installation of ADA accessible paths; cut back the brush along entrance drive and along Route 45. Work will continue this fall on the other 3 fields there.

*Greg L. Roth, Parks Supervisor*

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