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## Summer programs let kids ‘Grow Wild in Prosper!’

PROSPER (May 24, 2015) The customarily hot and lazy dog days of summer will soon be upon us, worsened by the absence of school activities to keep youngsters occupied. Fortunately, Prosper’s Parks and Recreation Department and Community Library are planning lots of fun, exciting, educational and physically-active programs for summer.

The staffs of the Town’s two “departments of fun” are preparing to promote their respective programs in a combined campaign called “Grow Wild in Prosper!”

Recreation Services Coordinator Julie Shivers says there will be plenty of fun outdoor and indoor activities during the summer that will help young residents maintain a fun and active schedule.

“It’s no secret that active youngsters are more physically fit than those who do not exercise,” she said. “We’ve put together some programs that will keep them moving, keep their blood flowing and help them grow strong and healthy.”

In addition, Parks and Recreation is also sponsoring some mental gymnastics with some educationally challenging programs. Their emphasis, though, is getting the kids and adults outdoors and exercising, enjoying the fresh air and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

“Once kids see the advantages of getting outside, using their muscles and learning something new about different sports, we hope they will develop good habits that will carry over into adulthood,” she said.

At the same time, the Community Library is putting programs in place that will help the kids expand their minds, their imaginations, and deepen their love of reading and learning, says Librarian Leslie Scott.

“We’re taking the ‘growing wild’ theme in a slightly different direction,” she said. “We’re going to learn lots and lots about critters and their habitats. By using different methods and techniques, kids will be exposed to various animals and how they survive and flourish in the wild and in domesticated situations.”

Registration for this summer’s Parks and Recreation programs is now open. Classes and camps, designed for fun and learning, will likely fill up very rapidly, and the classes and camps can only accommodate a certain number of participants. Shivers says parents shouldn’t hesitate to get their kids signed up.

“We’re encouraging parents and guardians to sign up soon as space is limited,” she said. “In addition to the programs for kids, we have several adult classes and leagues that will continue throughout the summer.”

For detailed descriptions, dates, times, locations, and online registration forms for recreation programs, please visit [www.ProsperParksandRec.org](http://www.ProsperParksandRec.org). Registration for Community Library events and activities is not required.

A full list of programs presented by Parks and Recreation and the Community Library is attached.

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**ABOUT THE TOWN OF PROSPER** – The Town of Prosper is a fast-growing suburb with small town charm, located 30 miles north of Dallas at the crossroads of U.S. 380, Preston Road and the Dallas North Tollway in Collin and Denton Counties. Prosper sits on 27 square miles and is home to more than 15,000 people. A home-rule municipality, governed by a council-manager form of government, the town has full-time fire and police departments, including its own dispatch service. As the Town grows to its projected build-out population of 70,000 residents, Prosper’s vision is to remain a “Place Where Everyone Matters.”

## **Grow Wild in Prosper!**

### ***List of activities for Parks and Recreation***

**Archery Classes:** Learn to shoot a bow and arrow in a safe environment. Instruction focuses on basic technique and rules for those ages 7 through 14. Classes begin June 11.

**Tennis Camps:** Skill-building, fun-packed instruction for various ages and skill levels! Advanced Player Academy offers ongoing training for tournament-level players who are members of middle and high school teams; begins June 12. Young player camps for beginner to intermediate level players, ages 5 through 13, begin July 6.

**Skyhawks Sports Camps:** Focus on encouragement and fun! Children learn life lessons, such as respect and teamwork, while getting hands on experience with multiple sports programs. Instruction in soccer, basketball and t-ball is tailored to individual age groups and skill levels for those ages 3.5 through 12. Camps begin June 22.

**Bricks 4 Kidz Camp:** Learn, build and play at this fun and educational camp! Programs provide an extraordinary atmosphere to build unique creations, play games, and have loads of fun using LEGO® bricks. Activities are designed to trigger lively imaginations and build self-confidence in those ages 5 to 12. Camps begin June 29.

**Soccer Skills Camp:** Sharpen your skills at the Dallas Sidekicks Soccer Camp! Campers take home a t-shirt, camp ball, free ticket to a Sidekicks game next season, and player autographs. Camp begins August 17.

**For Adults:** Regular programs are offered throughout the summer, including Stroller Strides by Fit4Mom, Camp Gladiator and summer softball leagues. Softball games begin June 11; registration forms are due by June 5.

### ***List of activities for the Community Library***

**A Critter Summer at Prosper Community Library:** Throughout the summer, the library will be presenting programs that bring the animal kingdom closer to Prosper's young people, enlightening them, and creating wonderful learning opportunities.

**Story Times:** Thursdays at 11 a.m., June 18 and 25; July 9, 16, 23 and 30. Unless otherwise stated, Story Time is held at the Lighthouse Fellowship Church, on the corner of Preston Trail and Custer Road.

**Summer Kick-Off Extravaganza:** Saturday, June 13 from 10 a.m. to noon. Pick up summer reading materials, reading challenge log (first 100 children to sign up receive a yard sign), face painting, crafts, critter surprises, and cops and coffee for the grown-ups.

**500 Minute Reading Challenge:** Ages 0 to 13 years. Pick up your reading log in the library, read (or have someone read to you) 500 minutes over the summer, return your completed log for prizes! Prize pickup is Aug. 1 to 15.

**Weekly Programs:** Tuesdays at 11 a.m.: June 16 – Mammals; June 23 – Critterman; June 30 - Introduction to Life Cycles; July 7 – Fish; July 14 – Reptiles; July 21 - Dallas Puppet Theater; July 28 – Birds.

**Grand Finale:** Saturday, Aug. 1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Receive your trophy, certificate, sponsor prizes, crafts, participate in child ID with Prosper police. Prize pickup Aug. 1 to 15.

*During summer, the Community Library, 700 Coleman St. is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.; on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and closed on Fridays and Sundays.*