

RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF RECREATION
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Info on activities: www.ridgefieldpark.org

Dear Parents:

The Board of Recreation has put together some information on its various activities to better acquaint you with what is available for your family. Please review this information so that you are aware of the timeline for the activities run by the Board of Recreation. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Board of Recreation.

As per the By-Laws, the purpose of the Board of Recreation is to develop and promote the adoption of healthy recreational activities for all citizens of the Village of Ridgefield Park regardless of age, sex, color, creed and national origin.

Board of Recreation Activities:

Softball T-Ball Clinic – Registration is usually held in January or February. All children who live in Ridgefield Park or attend school in Ridgefield Park, grades 1 through 2, are encouraged to join. Registration is \$25.00. The softball t-ball clinic is held on Saturday mornings at the Hobart Street field and begins in April and ends early June. Late registrations can be dropped off at the Village Clerk's Office. **An adult must remain at the field while the child is playing.** Coaches are always needed for this program. Anyone interested in helping can leave a message at 641-4950 ext. 610. **No cash accepted at the Clerk's Office.**

Girl's Softball (Ponytail) – Registration is usually held in February. All girls who live in Ridgefield Park or attend school in Ridgefield Park, grades 3 through 8, are encouraged to join. This is a traveling league that will be run according to high school rules (fast pitch, bunting, leading, stealing). Late registrations can be dropped off at the Village Clerk's Office. Registrations will be accepted until March 1. **No cash accepted at the Clerk's Office.**

Adult Women's Slow-Pitch Softball – Completed registration packets are due in March. The season begins in May and runs through July. All women 18 years of age and older (including out-of-towners) are eligible to play in this league. Registration fee usually runs about \$85.00.

Easter Egg Hunt – The Easter Egg Hunt is always scheduled for **the Saturday before Easter at 10:00 a.m. SHARP** at Veteran's Park. Prizes will be awarded and the Easter Bunny will be on hand to greet the children. All children up to Grade 6 are invited to participate. The Easter Egg Hunt is a rain or shine (or snow!) event. Don't forget a basket to carry your eggs!

Adult/Children's Crafts – Be on the lookout for information on sessions of our adult crafts class. Info will be posted on the internet and in the Patriot. Also be sure to check the library or Clerk's Office for registration forms. If there is enough interest, we will offer a children's class next session.

Adult Trips/Activities – Watch the Community Message Board for discount tickets to events such as the circus, Nets or Harlem Globetrotters. Periodically, the Board of Recreation is able to get discount tickets to various events. If you have a suggestion for an event, please drop us a note or leave a message on our voice mail at (201) 641-4950 ext. 610.

Ballroom Dancing – If you are interested in taking ballroom dance lessons, please leave your name and number on our voicemail and we will get back to you as soon as possible with dates for our next session. Dance sessions are for eight weeks and cost \$90.00 per person. Lessons are conducted at Dance With Me Studios in Ridgefield. Check our website at www.ridgefieldpark.org for updated registration forms and information. We need about 10-15 people to hold a class. You do not need a partner to participate.

Basketball – Early registration is offered until August 15 only. Early registration forms should be mailed to the Village Clerk's office, and must be RECEIVED no later than August 15th. Registration will be held at Roosevelt School in the fall. Registration forms will be mailed or can be found at the Clerk's Office and the Public Library. Registration forms can also be found on the internet by going to www.ridgefieldpark.org and looking under the Board of Recreation link. Also, anyone in at least seventh grade who is interested in training to be either a timer or scorekeeper for the basketball season should leave their name and phone number on the Board of Recreation voice mail at (201) 641-4950 ext. 610.

This program is open to both boys and girls who are residents of Ridgefield Park or attend school in Ridgefield Park grades 2-8. The season will run approximately from November 2009 through March 2010. Registration will take place at Roosevelt School on Friday, September 25, 2009 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, September 26 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Registration fees are \$40.00 for the first child and \$30.00 for each additional child. A \$5.00 late fee will be added to any registration received after September 26, 2009. Checks should be made payable to: **RP BOARD OF RECREATION**. Late registrations should be mailed to: RP Board of Recreation, 234 Main Street, Ridgefield Park. All registration forms must be submitted by 10/25 to guarantee a spot on a team. Any registration submitted at the evaluations will be put on a waiting list only. **Fee at evaluation night is \$55 – no sibling discount – no exceptions.**

Students in grade 2 participate in a clinic, which is held Saturday mornings at Grant School from 8:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. (and starts in December). Students in grades 3-8 are placed on teams and practice one hour each week and have one game each weekend.

The evaluations will be at Lincoln School as follows:

Nov. 2 3/4 & 5/6 Boys at 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 4 at 6:00 p.m. - All girls

Nov. 4 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. 7/8 Boys.

Anyone interested in coaching or helping the basketball program should leave a message with the Board of Recreation at 641-4950 ext. 610.

Depending on interest, a competitive traveling league usually takes place once the season ends in March. Additional details regarding tryouts will be distributed when available. This league requires an additional fee for those participating and requires a tryout.

Tennis – The Board of Recreation sponsors a tennis program run by Barry Rubach (201) 568-3946. Registration forms are distributed in the schools. For further information, contact Barry Rubach at the above number. The program is available for RP residents/students or those attending school in RP.

Bowling – The Board of Recreation sponsors a bowling program for all children between the ages of 4 and 14. The program is conducted at Bowler City Lanes in Hackensack. If there are any questions regarding this program, please call Bowler City at (201) 343-3545.

Special Stars Youth Bowling League for Challenged Children - This program is run by Bowler City for challenged children ages 5 - 21. For information call Bowler City (201) 343-3545. The program is available for RP residents/students or those attending school in RP.

Wrestling – The program is for Ridgefield Park and Little Ferry residents only ages 5-14 or those attending school in Ridgefield Park. Registration will take place at the Ridgefield Park Jr/Sr High School Auxiliary Gym on September 29th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Wrestlers must register with a parent or legal guardian present. 7th & 8th grade students who attend RPJSHS may register at school and only need to fill out a registration form since they are covered by school insurance. If for any reason you cannot attend, you may register at the first practice. **Non Refundable \$40.00 Fee.** For additional information, contact Coach Ulysses Encarnacion at (201) 832-9417.

Rag-A-Muffin Parade – The Board of Recreation will be sponsoring its annual Rag-A-Muffin Parade on Saturday, October 31, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. All participants should meet at the corner of Euclid Avenue and Hobart Street, no later than 10:30 a.m., with their registration form. As in the past, prizes will be awarded in all

divisions and each child will receive a “goody bag”. The rain date will be Sunday, November 1, 2009, at 2:00 p.m.

Tree Lighting – The annual Christmas tree lighting is held on the first Sunday of December (December 6 this year) at 5:30 p.m. in front of the municipal building. Village residents, both young and old, gather to sing carols with the help of our Village Scouts and high school chorus, while waiting for that most exciting moment when Santa Claus makes a special appearance to see the lighted tree. Each year at the Tree Lighting all school age children up to grade 6 are presented with a special ballot and one lucky child wins a bicycle sponsored by Vorhees-Ingwersen Funeral Home.

Holiday Wish Tree – The wish tree is located at TD Bank through which residents are afforded an opportunity to purchase a holiday gift for a less fortunate Village child.

Holiday Display Contest – The annual Holiday Display Contest is held on the last Friday before Christmas (December 18 this year) at which time out-of-town judges canvass the Village and award prizes to the best-decorated homes and businesses. Winners will be posted on the village website after the contest and prizes distributed at the January Commissioner's meeting. Registration is required to participate in this contest.

Just a reminder to everyone, the Board of Recreation is made up entirely of volunteers who generously give their time to run various programs and activities for the residents of the Village. It operates on a small budget provided by the Village and assists hundreds of residents in various activities. You may contact the Board of Recreation by either email at www.ridgefieldpark.org or (201) 641-4950 ext. 610. Please remember volunteers run these programs and they will get back to you as soon as possible.

All Board of Recreation meetings are open to the public. They are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building on the third floor in the Dare Room. Anyone needing to speak to the Board of Recreation may call (201) 641-4950 ext. 610 and leave a message on the voice mail. If you wish to send a letter, please address it to the Board of Recreation at 234 Main Street, Ridgefield Park. The Board of Recreation is always welcome to hear your comments.

For any information concerning Board of Recreation activities or to get a registration form, please go to www.ridgefieldpark.org.

Please be advised that the Clerk's Office cannot accept cash for any Board of Recreation activities. Please be sure to enclose a check made payable to the Board of Recreation for any required payments.

Also, to clear up eligibility for Board of Recreation programs, all children's programs are open to all residents of Ridgefield Park and all students that either live in Ridgefield Park or attend school in Ridgefield Park.

One final thing, there are some activities that do not fall under the Board of Recreation and we will not be able to answer your questions on these activities. Please be advised that: baseball, football, cheering, soccer, summer concerts and summer recreation at the parks, are all private activities **not** run by the Board of Recreation. The Board of Recreation is, unfortunately, unable to assist with any information on these activities. Here are some links, which might be helpful to you in obtaining information on other organizations.

Ridgefield Park Soccer Organization (www.rpsa.org).

Jr. Football (<http://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=jrscarlets>)

Cheering (<http://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?cmenuid=1&url=scarletcheering>)