



Dear Citizens,

This year we are bringing one of our most anticipated programs back to the City of New Orleans. NORD has been working diligently to provide safe and wholesome programs for our youth, and the new Wilderness Program will provide environmental awareness and the proper understanding of outdoor recreation and leisure.

Beginning summer 2009, 60 camp participants enjoyed *"playing it safe and fun outside"* while canoeing and fishing along with learning the fundamentals of water safety. The campers learned other team building and leadership skills which we are hoping to pass on during the regular school year. The goal of this program is to provide environmental safety training to all New Orleans youth giving them the knowledge of a program that they may not otherwise attain.

We've equipped this division of NORD with First Aid/CPR certified employees who will also have the basic knowledge of the outdoors and canoe training. We hope that many of our city youth will become interested in participating in this program and will continue to encourage our local schools to increase the knowledge of how to preserve the environmental.

Sincerely,

Larry Barabino, Jr.
Director, New Orleans Recreation Department

WATER AWARENESS PROGRAM

The New Orleans Recreation Department is offering a Water Awareness Program. NORD welcomes the opportunity to provide this service to all schools by implementing the outreach program as an added component essential to the education of the children in the city. We are in the process of preparing two swimming facilities to provide this service.

This program will include sessions on personal safety and water awareness, and will introduce stroke readiness with stroke development. It also will develop competitive awareness and provide conditioning training to compete and prepare participants for Lifeguard training.

All interested schools should contact Randolph Shannon for more information at 329- 4359 or rshannon@cityofno.com.



New Orleans Recreation Department

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playing it safe and fun outside



PURPOSE

This program is designed to provide youth awareness, comprehension and utilization of leisure outdoor recreation in a safe and effective manner. Through basic safety skill education and the awareness of outdoor leisure recreation, participants will acquire knowledge along with appreciation for outdoor leisure recreation that will impact their lives from many different perspectives.

MISSION

The mission of the department is to develop and encourage youth interest in outdoor leisure recreation through basic fundamentals and skills to safely enhance the quality of life of youth and to preserve our natural environment.

OBJECTIVES

- To stimulate cognitive function through physical activities in an outdoor recreation environment.
- To educate youth on the purpose of proper outdoor leisure recreation.
- To encourage youth interest in obtaining responsibility for environmental surroundings.
- To provide the opportunity to increase self-reliance, self-esteem and socialization among youth peer group.
- To teach youth basic environmental survival skills by exposing them to outdoor leisure outlets.
- To encourage youth to help preserve the natural outdoor environment by recognizing the value of their contribution.

GOALS

- Staff will teach youth to recognize their ability to contribute to the natural outdoor environment by successfully organizing outdoor leisure recreational activities.
- Youth will utilize and identify resources in a natural outdoor setting to preserve the environment.
- Youth will demonstrate skills essential for maintaining a safe and productive environment, while collaborating with older participants
- Youth will demonstrate self-sufficiency, self-control, resourcefulness, and flexibility by setting up an appropriate camp site.

STAFF

- One staff person and supervisor per 6-8 kids
- All staffers are First Aid/CPR certified and meet the working requirements of City of New Orleans
- Each outdoor staffer will have a basic knowledge of the outdoors and will be trained in basic canoeing skills

STRUCTURE

- Summer Camp Participation
- School/Classroom Partnership
- Off Campus/Outdoor Activities
- Environmental Field Trips
- End of Program Ceremony

*Camping equipment will be provided for all students participating.

Hard Skills

- Canoeing
- Basic Navigation/Orienteering
- Knot Tying
- Hiking/Backpacking
- Basic Outdoor Survival Skills
- Fire/Water Safety
- Sailing (pending)

Soft Skills

- Team work skills
- Leadership skills
- Problem solving
- Decision making
- Communication
- Flexibility

Environmental Education

- Knowledge of local plants and animals
- Basics of reduce, reuse, recycle
- Leave No Trace Principles
- Awareness of local environmental issues
- Nature art projects

Community Involvement

- Volunteer time and efforts to create a more positive, healthy environment
- Activities include Volunteering/Service days, Fundraising, and Community gardening

Contact Program Director Claire Triplett to learn about program fees: cmtriplett@cityofno.com or 504-382-3386