

Winter/Spring 2012 Brochure

**Virginia L. Brown
Recreation
Center**



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History of St. John Community Center

VLBRC Hours of Operation:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 9:00pm **Friday** 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm **Sunday** Closed

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Registration Procedures

Walk-in registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis. Full payment is required for registration. The front desk accepts registration Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:50 p.m.

Registration Fees

All class fees are due at registration time. Fees may be paid with cash, money orders, credit cards or checks. A valid driver's license is required when paying by check or credit card. Please make checks payable to the **City of Austin**. Currently, we accept:



Photo Policy

The Parks and Recreation Department regularly takes photos of participants in our classes, special events and other activities. The photos are for department use and may be used in presentations, brochures, flyers, public service announcements and other media uses. If you do not wish to have your picture taken please tell the photographer.

City Holidays

Monday, January 2, 2012 New Year's Holiday
 Monday, January 16, 2012 Martin Luther King Day
 Monday, February 20, 2012 President's Day
 Monday, May 28, 2012 Memorial Day
 Wednesday, July, 4, 2012 Independence Day
 Monday, September, 3, 2012 Labor Day
 Monday, November 12, 2012 Veteran's Day

Opened on January 27, 2002, the St. John's Community Center is collaboration between the City of Austin and the Austin Independent School District. The community center originally housed the Austin Parks and Recreation Department, the Austin Police Department, the St. John Public Library, and Health and Human Services and three conference rooms.

Today, St. John's is a diverse community, which is rich in history and tradition. On February 24, 2005, The St. John Recreation Center was named the Virginia L. Brown Recreation Center.

Ms. Virginia L. Brown was a dedicated pioneer and visionary for the St. John's community for more that 30 years. Ms Brown was highly involved in fostering partnerships to serve the poor area and disadvantaged through the provision of food, clothing, shelter, health care, and job assistance.

The Virginia L. Brown Recreation Center offers year- round programs for youth, seniors, teens, adults and the whole family. Programs include the after school program, senior nutritional lunch program, summer youth camp, aerobics, and a variety of sports programs.

The Virginia L. Brown Recreation Center collaborates with JJ Pickle Elementary School and other City department on a number of programs and special events.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Program Goals

- To create a safe and fun family atmosphere
- To provide recreational opportunities that challenge and develop families as a unit

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM (BLACK WOMEN IN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE)

Come out and celebrate black history with the St. John community to hear speakers, entertainment, and vendors will be sharing some information.

Ages: All
Fee: Free
Dates: February 25, 2012
Times: 10:00am - 2:00pm

VIRGINIA L. BROWN OPEN HOUSE

Stop on by for a look at programs being offered at our center with fun activities for all ages!

All Ages!
Date: Thursday, April 12, 2012
Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Fee: FREE!!



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General Information

All classes must have a minimum number of students in order to be held. The Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel, combine, change time, change dates, or make any revisions which may be necessary. You will only be notified by telephone of your registration status if the class has been cancelled or revised.

One way to deliver quality service is by limiting the class size to provide a good student/teacher ratio. If a class has reached the maximum limit, names are placed on a waiting list and students are called as openings become available.

Refund / Transfer Policy

(unless otherwise indicated)

A full refund will be issued for all programs, if cancelled by Virginia L. Brown Recreation Center, or due to a personal injury or illness (medical verification will be requested). In the event that you need to withdraw from a class, the pro-rated activity fee, minus a \$35.00 processing fee, will be refunded. If the receipt amount is less than \$ 10.00, no refund will be issued. You may receive a credit serviceable for programs occurring within 90 days of withdrawal. Once a refund has been requested, it will take four to six weeks for processing, subsequently, a City of Austin check will be mailed to your address. Program attendance is the responsibility of the participants. *Credit is not given for classes missed during a session.*

PLEASE NOTE:

If your initial payment was by check, a front and back copy of that cancelled check or bank statement must be presented before a refund can be processed.

Lost and Found

The City of Austin/Virginia L. Brown Recreation Center is not responsible or liable for the loss, theft or damage of any personal belongings. Items found at the center will be placed in our lost and found

City of Austin Ordinance

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Standards of Care for Children's Programs

Children's programs/activities supervised by the Parks and Recreation Department and requiring enrollment/registration in order to participate are not licensed by the state, but follow local standards of care as adopted. A copy of the ordinance is available and posted at each site.

American with Disabilities Act

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City of Austin

VISION

We want Austin to be the most livable city in the country

MISSION

To be the best-managed city in the country

GOALS

PRIDE

Public Service & Engagement

We will partner with one another and with our community to provide the best service possible.

Responsibility & Accountability

We take responsibility for achieving results and hold ourselves accountable for our actions.

Innovation & Sustainability

We actively seek out good ideas that have a lasting, positive impact on our work, our community and our environment.

Diversity & Inclusion

We recognize and respect a variety of perspectives, experiences and approaches that will help us achieve our organizational goals.

Ethics & Integrity



ADULT PROGRAMS

Program Goals

- To increase awareness of and promote regular participation in health & physical fitness activities.
- At the end of the program, participants will be able to demonstrate proper technique in all required elements.

FITNESS ROOM

Our fitness room includes free weights, 3 station chest and leg compression, stepping machine, and medicine balls

Ages: 18-up

Fee: Free

Dates: Monday-Saturday

Time: During hours of operation

CHRISTIAN BROTHER BASKETBALL

We playing basketball. Join some positive role model in some friendly pick-up games of hoop, socializing in a non-competitive environment. Score clock will be available to speed up the games.

Ages: 18-up

Fee: Free

Dates: Saturdays 10:00am - 12:00pm

SENIOR NUTRITIONAL PROGRAM

Come and join the St. John senior program that has diversity with many cultures, senior will participate in gardening, table games, eating healthy, and field trips.

Ages: 55 and over

Fee: Free

Dates: Monday-Friday 9:00am - 1:00pm

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TEENS OUT OF SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMS

Program Goals

- **Enrichment:** Students will engage in activities that will enhance their knowledge by exploring social, cultural, and environmental concepts
- **Academics:** Students will have assistance on homework or engage in an educational activity
- **Active play:** All students will participate in physical activity where high

TCTA

Totally Cool, Totally Art (TCTA) offers free community based arts education for teenagers who may not otherwise have such opportunities. TCTA promotes a philosophy centered on the benefits of arts education for teens and is much more than just an arts and crafts program.

Ages: 7th - 12th grade

Fee: Free

Dates: Tuesday & Thursday 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Session 3: Sculpture 1/23 - 2/16

Session 4: Cooking 2/20 - 3/22

Session 5: Art 4000 3/26 - 4/19

TEEN NIGHT

Sitting around doing nothing? Stop by Virginia L. Brown Recreation Center where you can socialize with other teens, playing cards, shooting hoop, dominoe, or just listening to clean music.

Ages: 15-18

Fee: Free

When: Thursdays 6:00pm - 8:30pm

Session March 1, 2012

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Students progress through warm-up exercises, strength and flexibility skills, loco motor and coordination skills, dance basics, creative movement, and a variety of tumbling, balance beam and rhythmic gymnastics skills (ball, ribbon, and hoop manipulation).

Ages: 14-up

When: Saturdays

Time: 10am-4pm

Parks and Recreation Department

VISION

We want Austin to have the best parks and recreation opportunities and resources in the country.

MISSION

The purpose of the Parks and Recreation Department is to provide, protect, and preserve a park system that promotes quality recreational, cultural and outdoor experiences for the Austin community.

GOALS

Increase participation in structured community recreation in the Austin community.

Provide supportive social services in order to address the fundamental social needs of the community.

Enrich the Austin community's artistic and cultural environment.

Protect Austin's investment in recreational land, urban forest ecosystems, water, and facilities.

Parks and Recreation Department

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YOUTH OUT OF SCHOOL TIME PRO- GRAMS

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VIRGINIA L. BROWN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM 2011-2012

Children attending Pickle and Blanton Elementary are picked up in a City of Austin van driven by qualified Virginia L. Brown Recreation Center staff. Daily program activities may include gym games, sports, crafts, group activities, daily clubs, as well as homework/quiet time. Students will be provided a meal through Kid Café Monday-Thursday.

Ages: K - 5th grade

Days: Monday - Friday, 2:45pm – 6:00pm

Fee: \$25 per month

Youth AFTERSCHOOL Hang Out Time (HOT) 2011-2012

Children attending Pickle Elementary & Webb Middle School will have the chance to participate in daily program activities that may include gym games, sports, crafts, group activities, outdoor adventures as well as homework help.

Grades: 3rd - 6th grade

Days: Monday - Friday, 3:00pm – 6:00pm

Fee: Free

SPRING BREAK CAMP

Program activities may include gym games, sports, crafts, group activities as well as possible field trips. Participants will need to bring their lunch and two healthy snacks. Registration deadline will be one week prior to each camp day. Detailed descriptions will be available during registration and there must be a **minimum of 8 participants** to run camp program.

Ages: 5 - 12 years

Time: 7:30am – 6:00pm

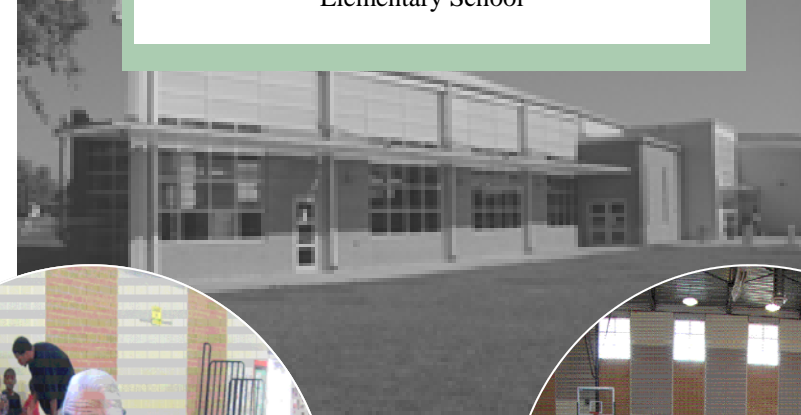
Spring Break: 3/12 - 3/16

Spring Break Camp Fee: \$75/week

Virginia L. Brown Recreation Center 2011



St. John Community Center consist of Austin Public Library, Health and Human Services, Parks and Recreation Department, and James Jerrell Pickle Elementary School



Virginia L. Brown Recreation Center



Senior Program



YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS

Program Goals

- To create an atmosphere where individuality and imagination can flourish
- To enhance education through fun and interesting activities
- At sessions end, students will be able to demonstrate proper technique in all required elements

INTRAMURAL INDOOR SOCCER

Participants will develop soccer skills and participate in a developmental league. Shin guards are provided.

Ages: 8 – 10 years **Fee:** Free for Pickle students only
Dates: Friday 4:00pm - 5:30pm, Program runs, 1/23 - 5/21

YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Participants will have the opportunity to learn the basic fundamentals of basketball, develop their skills, and participate in organized games.

Ages: 5 – 12 years **Fee:** \$25.00 per child
Days: Practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays **Games:** Saturdays

SUMMER YOUTH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Ready, set, spike! Our youth volleyball league provides a great opportunity for children ages 9-12 years of age to learn a new and exciting sport that focuses on team work and coordination. Our league is structured to be a safe and is aimed for beginning to intermediate players. Practices will be held one to two times a week with games on Saturdays. For more information, call 974-7865

Ages: 9 - 12 years
Fee: \$25.00

SPRING YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

Our soccer league is designed for children ages 5-12. Our league is structured to be a safe, recreational league aimed at beginner to intermediate players. You can expect to participate in one to two practices a week with games on Saturdays. For more information call 974-7865.

Ages: 5 - 12 years
Fee: \$25.00
Regular Registration: February-March 2012