

Virginia L. Brown Recreation Center Fall 2012/ Winter 2013

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RECREATION PROGRAM GUIDE

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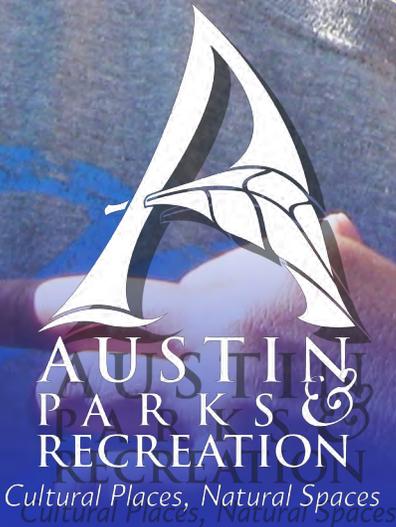


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Youth Programs

Youth Program Goals:

The Parks and Recreation Department is committed to offering programs that foster Youth Development in a safe and caring environment. We believe in creating opportunities for youth that expose them to critical thinking, leadership development and help them explore their interests through outdoor enhancements, arts, and active play. Come and experience the spectrum of opportunities with the youth programs.

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“Stay for Play”

Winter Break Camp

Grab your mittens and join us this December & January for Winter Break Camp. Plan to have fun no matter what the weather brings. This camp is designed to provide kids, ages 5 to 11, with fun and exploration in a supervised and structured environment. Each child is required to bring a non-refrigerated/microwavable lunch and two snacks daily. There must be a minimum of eight participants registered in order to conduct this program.

Program Hours: 7:30am - 6:00pm

December 26 - 28, 2012 and

**December 31 - January 4, 2013
(Facility Closed January 1th)**

Fee: \$ 75.00 per week

Out of School Time

After School Program

Designed to foster youth development through active play and enrichment activities. The *after school program offers a variety of supervised activities including arts and crafts, science projects, nutrition lessons, sports, educational games, field trips and enrichment activities. A designated time will be allotted for homework and snacks. Transportation is provided from the following schools: Andrew, Blanton, and Pickle Elementary*

Grades: K – 5th

Monday – Friday: 2:45 pm – 6:00 pm

August/ September	\$125
October	\$100
November	\$100
December	\$75
January	\$100
February	\$100
March	\$75
April	\$100
May/June	\$125

“Stay for Play”

Structured Drop In Program

No school today? Don’t sit at home with nothing exciting to do. Join us at Virginia L. Brown Recreation Center for a fun day filled with learning and exploration. This program is offered on non-city holidays that are teachers’ work days. The center will provide activities for participants, ages 5 to 12, that include sports, games, enrichment activities and more. Each child is required to bring a non-refrigerator/microwaveable lunch and two snacks daily.

Program Hours: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Dates: When AISD is closed

Fee: Free



Youth Sports

Sports

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City-wide Co-ed

Flag Football League

This co-ed flag football league is structured to be a safe, recreational league aimed at beginner to intermediate players. This is a non-competitive league for youth 6 to 12 years old. The coaches are volunteers. Games are played on Saturdays. T-shirt, league play, and an end of season award are included.

League play begins Saturday, October 13th.

Fee: \$20 per participant

Registration begins Monday, July 2nd

Fall Cheerleading League

We got spirit - how 'bout you? Perform cheers, chants, jumps and much more in this high-energy league that is full of spirit. Youth will practice two times per week and perform at weekly games and special events. **Performances begin October 13th.**

Fee: \$20 cover t-shirt

Ages: 5 to 8 years

Registration begins Monday, July 2nd.



Intramural Sports

Intramural sports gives participants the opportunity to develop fundamentals and skills in different sports during the school year, with an emphasis on attaining their maximum potential through respect and enjoyment of the sport. This is a non-competitive league for youth (2nd to 5th graders) that attend JJ Pickle Elementary. Games are played during the week.

Fee: Free

Registration begins August 28, 2012



Spring Co-ed Soccer League

This program introduces participants to the fundamentals of soccer while giving them an opportunity to improve their skills. An emphasis will be placed on attaining a heightened level of respect and enjoyment of the sport. This is a non-competitive league for youth 6 to 12 years old with volunteer coaches. Games are played on Saturdays. T-shirt, league play, and an end of season award are included.

League play begins Saturday, April 6th.

Fee: \$20 per participant

Registration Begins Monday, January 22nd



City-wide Co-ed

Basketball League

This co-ed basketball league is structured to be a safe, recreational league aimed at beginner to intermediate players. This is a non-competitive league that encourages good sportsmanship, developing strong playing skills, and promoting friendly relationships among the players, coaches, referees and parents. You can expect to participate in one practice a week and have a game each Saturday. T-shirt, league play, and an end of season award are included.

League play begins Saturday, January 19th.

Fee: \$20 per participant



Teen Programs

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Totally Cool Totally Art

TCTA

Free art classes in medias such as blacksmithing, filming, print-making, installation, conceptual art, portraiture, cooking, and urban painting. This arts education program has many benefits including mentoring, creative expression, making positive choices, teamwork, and arts appreciation.

Classes start November 6th, 2012

Fee: Free



Ruff Riders Teen Program

Ruff Riders at Virginia L. Brown Recreation Center is “a place where teens can share their experiences and gain some new ones.” It is a free program for teens in 7th - 10th grade that encourages community involvement, neighborhood clean-ups, mentoring younger kids, and team building. We have teambuilding meetings, participate in awesome field trips, select community service projects, listen to guest speakers, and visit universities! For more information,

Program Ages: 7th - 10th grade

Program Hours: 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Program Days: Mondays & Wednesdays

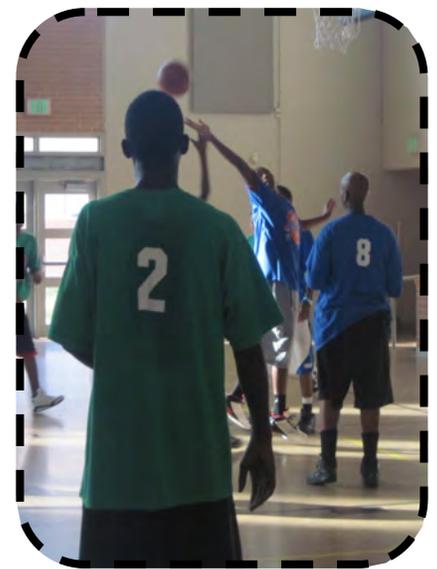


Teen Basketball League

This co-ed basketball league is structured to be a safe, recreational league aimed at beginner to intermediate players. This is a non-competitive league that encourages good sportsmanship, developing strong playing skills, and promoting friendly relationships among the players, coaches, referees and parents. You can expect to participate in one practice a week and have a game each Saturday. T-shirt, league play, and an end of season award are included. **League play begins Saturday, January 19th.**

Fee: \$20 per participant

Registration begins November 1, 2012.



Senior Programs

Senior Program Goals:

The Austin Parks and Recreation Department is committed to providing an environment that encourages the “young at heart” – senior adults age 50 and older – to maintain an active, healthy and independent lifestyle. We believe in creating opportunities for senior adults to meet and enjoy a wide variety of social, educational, health and recreational activities and programs and to promote the positive aspects of aging to them, their families and the community at large. You’re never too young to try something new – come join the fun!

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Special Events

include:

- FALL FESTIVAL
- THANKSGIVING DINNER
- CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
- BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM

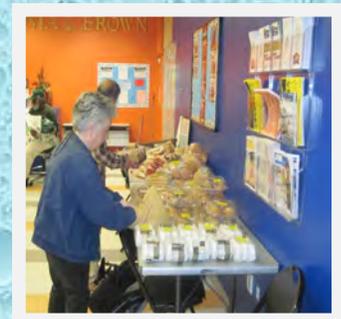
Energetic Senior Program

Come out and enjoy spending quality time with friends while learning new skills such as ceramics, arts and crafts, and playing games. This diverse group of seniors will also have the option of attending monthly field trips and lunch will be served daily. Ages 55 and over welcome.

Fee: Free

Registration is ongoing

Program Hours: Mondays through Friday 9:00am - 1:00pm



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Adult Programs

Adult Program Goals:

The Austin Parks and Recreation Department wants 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.

Zumba

Looking for something to do, we are offering free zumba classes for Pickle Elementary School parents. Please sign up at our front office.

Fee: Free

Registration begins August 27, 2012

Program Hours: Mondays -

Thursdays 1:30pm - 2:30pm



Floorball

Come and join the fun in this community organized game where everyone has fun. Come as a team or by yourself and we will place you on a team. No experience is necessary and any type of bike will do. Extra mallets and bikes will be on site if needed.

Fee: Free

Program Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30pm - 9:00pm



Flat Abs

Have you always wanted flat abs? Here is your chance. We will give you a fun workout your body will not believe. Bring a mat and set of 4lb weights for beginners; and 8 - 10lb for intermediate. Ages 13 and up.

Fee: Free

Program Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:00pm - 7:00pm



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Christian Brothers Basketball

Fun was the name of the game that we played in our youth. Today with 60-hour-plus work weeks recess now consists of gulping down coffee and dreaming of returning to the playground. We invite you to get back in the game. Teams must provide matching shirts with numbers.



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Special Events

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August 30, 2012 8:00pm – 10:00pm

Back to School Community Fun day and Movie

Kids will enjoy playing games and having fun while they are watching the latest movie and talking to old friends.



September 15, 2012 9:00am – 12:00pm

Deiz y Sies Community Celebration

J.J Pickle and Virginia L. Brown rec center will team up to clean our St. John community's Buttermilk Park.



October 25, 2012 3:00pm – 6:00pm

Community Fall Festival and Carnival

Kids can come and play games and enjoy concessions. Tickets will be on sale for \$0.25 for the games and there will be 5 for \$1.00 .



November 19, 2012 5:30pm – 8:00pm

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Virginia L. Brown staff and JJ Pickle staff would like to invite you and your family to come and have a hot homemade Thanksgiving Dinner. Our annual Thanksgiving dinner is an appreciation dinner for everyone.



December 20, 2012 3:00pm – 6:00pm

Winter Break Celebration

Children ages 5 to 12 are welcome to come visit with Santa and participate in Christmas games and activities. A snack will be provided.



February 13, 2013 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Father - Daughter Valentine Dance

Bring your child and come and dance to the latest hits. Pickle King & Queen will be crowned for Valentines. Ages 5 to 12 welcome.

A Participant (youth participants are not required to complete the email and phone numbers within box A)

Name: _____ Age: _____ Gender: M F
Birth Date: _____ Zip: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Email: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Waiver/Registration Form
Meitz Recreation Center
2407 Cantebury Street
Austin, Texas 78702
Phone: 512-478-8716 Fax: 512-478-0709



Waiver Directions:

Please complete waiver with an ink pen.
Adult Participants should fully complete boxes **A, B & E**.
Guardians of Youth Participants should fully complete boxes **A, B, C, D & E**.
Aquatic Participants should not complete box **D**

B 1st Guardian /Emergency Contact [Authorized to update waiver? {Yes ___} No ___}]

Name: _____ Zip: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

C 2nd Guardian/Emergency Contact [Authorized to update waiver? {Yes ___} {No ___}]

Name: _____ Zip: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

D Emergency & Non-Custodial Release Contacts Other Than Guardians (Please list contact persons in order of priority)

Name:	Home Phone:	Work Phone:	Cell Phone:	Relationship to Child:	Authorized to Pick Up Child?	Please Initial:
					{Yes ___} {No ___}	
					{Yes ___} {No ___}	
					{Yes ___} {No ___}	
					{Yes ___} {No ___}	

E Medical Care Information

- Any known allergies to food/drugs, insect stings, poison ivy/other plants, etc.? {Yes ___} {No ___} Please Specify: _____
- Any known existing illnesses? {Yes ___} {No ___} Please Specify: _____
- Please list any physical condition that could restrict activities or have a need requiring special care in order to participate in program/activity. _____

For Youth and Children Only

Does Participant require prescription medication during program hours? Program must exceed 1 hour. {Yes ___} {No ___} **If yes, please complete a Medication Authorization form.**

Image Release Waiver

I hereby consent to allow usage of photographs and video taken during this program and at our sites for publicity purposes in printed materials, and on our website. Photographs remain the property of the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department. If you do not want to allow photos or videos, then please initial. {opt out? _____}

Accessibility Accommodation Request

The City of Austin is proud to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you require assistance for participation in our programs or use of our facilities, please call 512.974.3910. Do you require accommodations? Yes ___ No ___ (Optional)

Standards of Care Notification

Children's programs/activities supervised by Parks and Recreation Department and requiring enrollment/registration in order to participate are not licensed by the state, but follow standards of care adopted in the City of Austin Ordinance No. 20110324-060. A copy is available and posted at each site.

Release of Liability

In consideration of participant being allowed to participate in the registered class(es) or program(s), the undersigned hereby releases the City, its employees and agents, from any action, claim or demand for personal injury or property loss arising from or due to any negligent act or omission of the City, its agents or employees. This release shall have no effect with regard to damages caused by the City's gross negligence. In the event the City or a volunteer provides transportation for the registered participant, this waiver and release shall extend to and release the City employee driver from any and all liability. Permission is given for any emergency medical treatment, operation or anesthesia which might become necessary. I agree to be responsible for the expense of medical treatment or service.

Signature: _____ **Please Print Name:** _____ **Date:** _____

General Information

All classes must have a minimum number of participants in order to be conducted. 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 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 participant/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 the 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 \$10.00 processing fee, will be refunded. If the receipt amount is less than \$ 10.00, no refund will be issued. You may receive a credit to your account for programs occurring within 90 days of withdrawal. Once a refund has been requested, it will take four to six weeks for processing, and 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 canceled 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 area for up to one week.

Virginia L. Brown Recreation Center

*7500 Blessing Ave
Austin, Texas 78752*

Virginia L. Brown Recreation Center

Sharon Aguilar	Program Manager
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Encarnacion Mendoza	Program Specialist
Adrian Castro	Program Instructor



Registration Procedures

Walk-in registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis. Full payment is required for official registration (unless otherwise indicated). The front desk accepts registration Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 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:



Austin Parks and Recreation Department Mission Statement

The purpose of the Austin 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.

Persons with Disabilities

The City of Austin is committed to complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to participate in the Virginia L. Brown Recreation Center programs. You may request special accommodations to facilitate participation and inclusion in these programs. Reasonable modifications and equal access will be provided upon request. For additional information please call (512) 974-7865 .

City of Austin Ordinance

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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.



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