

Caroline County Parks and Recreation
2009 Year Report

Mission Statement

Caroline County Parks and Recreation mission is to become the best service organization for producing safe and affordable recreational programs that are compatible for meeting the physical and emotional needs of the citizens within the County.

Supporting Role

The year saw the staff not only producing services for the community but also providing valuable support to organizations that are also focusing on improving the quality of life of the county Citizens. The staff supported Caroline's Promise at its special event activities, Caroline Little League, the Public Schools by making facilities available for athletic teams and by supporting other non-profit groups at youth events.

Use of Volunteers

As a relief to the department's budget, recruitment of volunteers is often use to deter cost. During the year, there were 111 total volunteers who gave a total of 3,012 hours to support the county recreation programs. These volunteers assisted as coaches, aides at special events, and as mentors.

Mentor Programs

Many parents within the county are seeking support groups to assist them in bringing out the best in their siblings. The department is currently providing valuable leadership to the "DIVAS with Promise" program for girls (29), the "B.A.L.M" program for boys (8), and the "New Beginning" program which provided 100 community service hours for juveniles.

Instructional Program

The recreation programs are identified into two main categories; sports and instructional programs. The instructional programs which are produced by paid staff for the purpose of enhancing participant's knowledge and ability, produced over 1100 registrants over the 2009 year. These programs are very diverse and are held mostly in or at the school facilities to conveniently accommodate the participants.

Sports

The sports programs are categorized into two categories, youths and adults. The youth's program is comprised of spring and fall soccer, football, and basketball and various clinics for participants between the ages of 5-18. Combined, the two categorized programs have provided to for over 2,700 participants.

Facilities

The department maintains reservations for indoor and out door facilities. The outdoor facilities consist of: Lowe-Massie, Robert Farmer's, and the County Recreational Park. Last year there were 411 hours set aside for users of these facilities; 101 total reservations; and 44 paid reservations. The totals are exclusive of drop in users. The primary months for park usages are April-October.

The indoor facilities consist of the department handling reservations for the Community Center and Caroline Diversify Learning Center. The number of hours that the community center gymnasium was used for activities was 800; number of paid rentals 79; and the total number of reservations being 301. CDLC gymnasium total reservation hours 751; rentals 46; and 12 paid rentals.

Closing

The 2009 calendar year saw a slight reduction in participation (summer camp, soccer, basketball, etc.; however, it also saw other opportunities made available to meet citizens' needs i.e., sr. exercise in Port Royal, summer youth basketball league, and the development of partnerships with youth organizations. The department looks forward to the challenge of generating more cost efficient programs and regaining participation in those programs that experienced a reduction.