

## Paxton Park District



## October Newsletter

Current fall programs have generated a lot of excitement around the Park District lately. Our Friday afternoon youth gymnastics classes have seen more participants in the first session than it has in the past several years. Our energetic instructor, Danny Irish, leads a great class and is looking to continue working with an increased number of young tumblers throughout the remaining fall and winter sessions.

Our Pre-K and Elementary dance classes have also kicked off with a great deal of success. Originally planned for Friday nights, we were forced to add an extra session on Mondays to accommodate all of the elementary-aged girls looking to enhance their dance skills. Avid dance instructor Deb Sandstedt makes classes fun and teaches a variety of dance techniques.

To top off our fall youth programs; flag football has been resoundingly popular. Registration numbers far exceeded expectations as 99 K-5 graders enrolled. With eight teams, it is nice to see Coady Park so vibrant six days each week with excited young flag football players running around and enjoying their experience. We'd like to issue a big thank you to all of the volunteer coaches and to the parents who help out a team

when they can. We would not have reached the success that we have had without the involvement of these dedicated parents. While the league has been a success, there is still room for growth and improvement. Considering this year is the first year youth flag football has been offered, it was to be expected that some issues would come forth. While fairly minor, we look forward to making these improvements and enhancing the league for next season.

To reward the great work done by our young gridironers, our last scheduled game on October 23 will be moved to the PBL football field. Playing on the big boy's field will be quite the treat and our way of thanking all of those boys and girls involved who have made the league so fun in its first year of existence.

We recently concluded what will hopefully be the first of many teen trips. A group of 18 6-12 graders enjoyed Sunday, October 9 at Challenge Park Xtreme in Joliet, playing paintball at one of the states premiere paintball facilities. All involved would attest that the trip was a blast. Word will certainly spread and we are hopeful that we see increased involvement in future teen trip expeditions.

As can be seen on our newly updated website ([www.paxtonparkdistrict.com](http://www.paxtonparkdistrict.com)) and in our activity brochures that can be found at several places around town, registration is currently underway for all of our winter programs. Programs for youth include K-8 grade

basketball for boys and girls and continued dance and gymnastics sessions. Also on tap are a variety of Halloween and Christmas festivities. It's never too early to be looking forward to Christmas!

Activities for adults include our Sunday Basketball league with a Recreational and a Competitive division. The Winter Volleyball league is back with a Women's/Co-Ed Recreational league on Tuesday nights and a Women's Competitive league on Thursdays. Also being offered are Zumba Fitness classes and a new scrapbooking class. Further information, along with registration fees and deadlines are available online or in our brochure.

Speaking of registration deadlines, these are set forth in an effort to create a high level of organization and are not simply a suggested date. For the Park District to run programs and leagues in a highly organized manner, we rely on registrants turning in their information before, or worst case, on the deadline. We are certainly aware that more important situations arise and that registering for a program may be the last thing one needs to be thinking about. Programs are advertised well in advance however, and it is essential for those wanting to be involved to try their best to get all registration information into the Park District in a timely manner.

Enjoy the rest of Fall as we look forward to the start of the many Winter programs that are in store at the Paxton Park District.

