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Syracuse Department of Parks, Recreation & Youth Programs Launches “Operation Have Fun 2010”

Program Will Benefit Children with Parents Serving in Iraq and Afghanistan

Syracuse, NY – The Syracuse Department of Parks, Recreation & Youth Programs will launch “Operation Have Fun 2010” this summer. This program will offer children, ages 8 to 15 who live in the City of Syracuse and whose parents are serving our military in Iraq and Afghanistan, the opportunity to attend summer camps and clinics of their choice for free.

“It is a mission of the Department of Parks and Recreation to engage as many children as possible in the variety of camps offered during the summer months,” said Commissioner Pat Driscoll. “Operation Have Fun is our special way of thanking our military and their families living, working and learning in the City of Syracuse for their dedication and commitment to protecting our many freedoms.”

“As a veteran of the armed forces, a retired police officer and Chair of the Common Council's Parks Committee, I know how important these summer camps are to the children and their families in Syracuse,” said Fourth District Common Councilor Tom Seals. “I think this is an excellent program and just one small way we can show our appreciation to Syracuse’s military families.”

Eligible children will be able to participate in a variety of camps that range from educational to athletic. Each camper will receive a camp t-shirt, lunch and transportation (if required) for full day camps.

Those interested in participating can call the Department of Parks, Recreation & Youth Programs at 473-4330.

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