

Recreation Programming Report – July 2019

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### **Summer Programming**

The majority of summer programs conclude the week of July 21. Programs running at the end of July and into August include the following:

- Swim lessons at Old Memorial Pool through August 8<sup>th</sup>
- International soccer camps, August 5 - 9
- Youth lacrosse, August 6 - 22
- Ultimate Frisbee, July 29 – August 1
- Firearm Safety, August 19 - 28
- Equine Classes @ Cornerstone on the Vermillion
- Books & Stars, through July 31
- Little Ninja Camp, August 5 – 8

### **Promise FAIRS**

The Promise FAIRS will take place on Thursday, August 8 from 6 – 7:30 pm at Greenvale Park Elementary. Families with children ages pre-school through seniors in high school are invited to come and learn about activities in the area, get information about sports, clubs and other community groups, register for sports, clubs, apply for scholarships, and try out the ninja course on site! Health Finders will also be present to provide free physicals for un-insured athletes who will be playing school sports (5 – 7:30 pm).

Immunizations for youth who are covered Medical Assistance or are underinsured will be available from 5 – 7 pm. Furthermore, middle school and high school personnel will be available to help with online sports registration, and the Community Action Center will be on hand to assist with scholarship applications. Raffles will be won and program vouchers will be given out to winning attendees. Kona Ice will also bring their truck, complete with cold treats for sale!

### **All Comers Track Meet**

An All-Comers Track & Field Meet will take place Wednesday, August 21, at the Northfield Middle School track, located at 2200 Division St. South. The event is free and open to the public. The fun, family-friendly meet welcomes ages 2-102! Registration and field events begin at 6 p.m. Races begin at 6:30 pm. Activities are broken down by age and gender and include sprints, distance, relays and field events. Children, youth, teens, college students, and adults of varying abilities and experience are encouraged to participate. Ribbons will be awarded for placing and participation. No pre-registration. Donations accepted. This is an all-volunteer effort offered free to the community. If you are interested in helping, please contact Community Services at 507.664.3502

### **NEW Hometown Hoedown / Youth Horseshoe Hunt**

Saddle up for a hoedown at Dakota Stables on Tuesday, August 27. This event is free and open to all ages and kinds of country bumpkins at heart. The evening will begin at 5:00 pm with age categorized, family friendly competitions, featuring activities like the potato sac race, the shoe kick, a team round bale roll, a sawdust hunt and more (bring your own blanket and lawn chairs). Hit the open range at any time during the evening and rope on over to the lasso station, roll up onto a wagon ride, curry on over to the grooming area, twine over to the ultimate hay bale toss, or cowboy up onto a horse and have yourself a ride. A catered

dinner from Betty Kayes will be provided from 6 - 7:15 pm, with the main event, the horseshoe hunt kicking off at 6:45 pm (register for the horseshoe hunt separately, \$5/individual or \$10/family max: Class # 1225-F19A). After the winning hunters have been branded, the pulling up of the britches may begin as an all-American western dance will close out the night from 7:15 - 8:00 pm. Be sure to harness up the family and trot on over to your hometown hoedown! All horseshoe hunters will be given a sheriff badge from the Northfield Historical Society. Hunt winners will earn chamber bucks and a Northfieldopoly game from the Northfield Chamber of Commerce. Hoedown attendees receive a free t-shirt and dinner, courtesy of Dakota Stables.

5 - 6 pm: Age categorized, family friendly competitions

6 - 7:15 pm: Dinner

6:45 - 7:15: Horseshoe Hunt (ages 0 - 15)

7:15 - 8:00 pm: Dance

5 - 8 pm: Wagon rides, grooming area, lasso station, hay bale throwing, and horseback riding

### **Youth Horseshoe Hunt**

A Hometown Hoedown is coming your way and the main event is the Horseshoe Hunt!

Jesse James and his gangs' horses threw a few shoes as they were leaving town and we need your help to find them! Clues given will help locate the missing horseshoes. Participants will have a chance to win Chamber Buck Dollars & a Northfieldopoly game! All in pursuit of the horseshoes will receive a sheriff badge from the Northfield Historical Society. The hunt takes place during the new Hometown Hoedown event, featuring western style games, wagon rides, a grooming and lasso station, horseback riding, a dance, free dinner and t-shirt, and more! *(still waiting on sponsor to decide if a charge will be needed for horseshoe hunt)*

**Fall Brochure** – The date of Northfield Community Services fall brochure mailing and online registration opening is August 9.