

Recreation Programming Report – October 2020  
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**Flag Football** – The flag football program concluded on Thursday, October 8. A total of 138 youth participated (180 last year). The program was held on Monday and Thursday evenings under the lights, in the outfields of the Sechler Park baseball fields. Participants spent time each evening running drills, learning plays, and playing games. The youth were coached by St. Olaf and Northfield High School football players. Thank you to city staff for prepping and maintaining the fields for the program.

**Gymnastics** – Community Ed's Everest program is now running at the Northfield Gymnastics Club. Collaboration between new management who value community minded programming made the leasing of space for Everest an attractive option. The program runs on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. Program numbers soared to eighty for fall 1. Registration for fall 2, beginning November 6, will open shortly.

**Track & Field** – The program ran four weeks in length on Saturday mornings at the middle school track. Participants were coached on all aspects of a track and field program, and incorporated character lessons into their practices. The program concluded with a mini track meet on the last day. Thirty-six children in grades K – 5 participated. This program continues to grow!

**Tennis** – This program was added to the fall offerings because of parents requesting that tennis be an option after summer. There are twenty-eight students enrolled in grades K – 8. The program is offered on the middle school tennis courts on Saturday mornings, through October 10.

#### **Swim Lessons**

Private swim lessons offered only at this time.

**Skating School** – The program is currently being run at the Northfield Ice Arena on Sunday mornings, October 4 – November 15. There are 26 enrolled this fall (51 last fall). Due to Covid, there are no skating options for those in Snowplow Sam and skaters must be able to skate unassisted in order to participate.

**Northfield's Amazing Race** – Clues highlighting 9 businesses in Northfield take participants throughout the community, visiting businesses, making small purchases, participating in challenges, and picking up business swag! Teams may register and participate anytime throughout the month of October.

#### **Other fall youth recreation programs currently in session:**

Youth: Olympic Wt. Lifting Club, Horseback riding, martial arts, Tumbling for Dancers, bowling  
Adult: Martial arts, Ring the Bell, Cardio Drumming, Yoga 101, fitness classes at Heartwork Yoga Studio, and pickleball

**Winter/Spring Brochure** – The design and entering classes for our winter/spring brochure has begun. The brochure will be mailed to all households in the Northfield School District near the beginning of December and contains classes offered January through early May.