



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Presentation to Lodi Parks and Recreation Family of the Year

MEETING DATE: May 6, 1998

PREPARED BY: Parks and Recreation Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That Mayor Sieglock present the Hutchins family with a certificate of appreciation recognizing them as the Lodi Parks and Recreation Family of the Year.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Annually the Parks and Recreation Department offers a Take a Family Break program designed to encourage families to get together, have fun, and develop family unity through recreational activities.

Families are encouraged to engage in suggested monthly activities and to start a Family Break Album to record their progress. At the end of the 12 months, families turn their albums in for consideration for the Family of the Year.

The Hutchins Family, Daryl and Tania and their three children, completed and submitted the Family Break Album and has been selected as this year's Parks and Recreation Family of the Year.

FUNDING: None

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Attachments

APPROVED: _____

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City of Lodi
Family Break Album Contest

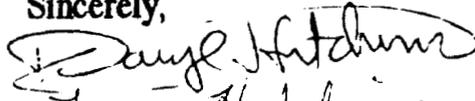
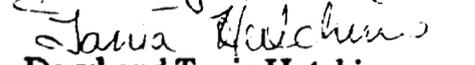
To Whom It May Concern,

As we were putting this "Family Break Album" together, it became apparent just how much we really *did* this year. In this world of tight budgets and limited free time, families are seldom able to take "major vacations". However, as this album showed us, we can still provide important and enjoyable experiences for us and our children by doing many of the "little things". Afterall, a lot of a little adds up to a lot!

It is also gratifying to know that there are so many things offered in our local community. These opportunities really do provide chances for rich and enjoyable experiences for anyone who takes the time to participate.

Thank you for encouraging us (and others of Lodi) to create this album. It will provide a nice handy "snap shot" of our family during this particular time.

Sincerely,



Daryl and Tania Hutchins



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TAKE A FAMILY BREAK

"Take a Family Break" is a chart of recreational activities offered as suggestions of things to do **TOGETHER AS A FAMILY**. It is not a contest between families, but is an incentive for families to get out together, have fun, and develop family unity through recreation activities.

This program is expected to take a family one year to complete as it is divided into separate months of the year. Activities include among other things swimming, playing in the snow and riding bikes together. Families can participate in one activity each month or complete them all in any order you wish. Your level of participation would depend on the composition of your family, their ages and abilities.

When you engage in a "Family Break" activity, take a picture or video of your family, and start your very own "**Family Break Album.**" Those that, complete a minimum of 12 monthly activities and the album, will receive an award, and be considered for the "Family Break" **Family of the Year.**

Call Lodi Parks and Recreation Department to register for the family of the year program and to be considered for **Lodi's, Family of the Year winner.**

MAY	JUNE	JULY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ride bikes together. - Visit your favorite playground park. - Attend an outdoor sporting event. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Go swimming together. - Attend fishing derby at Lodi lake - Make a <u>service</u> donation to a charitable group or organization. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Go to Lodi Lake beach or a water slide. - Attend 4th of July celebration - Attend a special event in the County.
AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Go camping or on a picnic. - Play horseshoes. - Visit a zoo or amusement park. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Go fishing or boating. - Take your own family portrait. - Attend Field n' Fair Day or the Grape Festival 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pick up trash around your neighborhood. - Visit a pumpkin patch. - Go bowling together.
NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Go roller/ice skating. - Visit the Hill House Museum. - Attend Lodi's Rolling in the Mud. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visit a convalescent home. - Attend Christmas Tree Run/Walk - Go Christmas caroling. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Play in the snow. - Visit public library - read a book. - Start a new <u>family</u> tradition
FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kids cook the family meal. - Learn a new sport, game or hobby. - Attend a movie, play or concert. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Go kite flying or bowling. - Attend an Easter event - Make your own home video. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plant a garden or a tree. <p>(Turn in your album to the Rec. Office on first Friday in April) "GIVE EVERYONE A GREAT BIG HUG."</p>