



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Parks and Recreation in Action

MEETING DATE: May 17, 2000

PREPARED BY: Parks and Recreation Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: None.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Nicole Chiunti, Recreation Supervisor, will be present to announce and update Council on various Parks and Recreation programs.

FUNDING: None

Ron Williamson
Parks and Recreation Director

RW/svb

APPROVED: _____


H. Dixon Flynn - City Manager

05/09/00

Lodi Parks and Recreation Department
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MEMORANDUM

To: Council Members
From: Niki Chiunti, Recreation Supervisor
Date: 5/17/00
Subject: Recreation in Action

I am in charge of the following programs:

After School Playground Program:

We operate at five different elementary schools: Vinewood, Beckman, Reese, Nichols, and Lakewood. The program hours are 2:45 –6:00pm, Monday – Friday. Participants are in grades K – 6th and our current enrollment is 244.

Lodi LOOK:

This program operates at Lawrence and Heritage Elementary school. The City of Lodi and the Lodi Unified School District are working together as a collaborative effort through an After School Learning and Safe Neighborhoods grant. This activity has an Educational Component in that the children are taught for an hour every day. The enrollment is 100 and participants are in grades K - 6th and are supervised from 2:45 – 6:00pm, Monday – Friday.

Before School Playground Program:

We tried to start this program at Beckman Elementary school, but there was not enough participants enrolled. We are working with the L.U.S.D. to possibly start at Vinewood School in September.

Easter Egg Hunt:

On April 22, over 200 children enjoyed hunting for eggs at Lawrence Elementary School. The Kiwanis Club of Lodi made a pancake breakfast in the New Auditorium.

San Joaquin County Human Services Grants:

Extra Teacher: An additional teacher is needed at the Lodi LOOK program at Heritage school. I wrote and received the funding to hire a teacher for 7.5 hours a week for two years.

Camp Lodi Lake: Each week the county is sending one of their community centers to our program. Grant Plath, Parks Program Coordinator and I created a program and budget to suit their needs for 7 weeks of camp, approximately 50 children a week. And starting August 9, 3 sessions were added for the Lodi children.

ArtWORKyes: This pilot program was awarded to Heritage School to introduce the participants to Dance, Theatre, Visual Arts, and Music. Each component will be a 6-week long class.