

# **NEWSRELEASE** **ROCKFORD PARK DISTRICT** MAKING MEMORIES FOR A LIFETIME

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## **Rockford Park District Awards Recreation Support Grants**

**ROCKFORD IL** – On **Thursday, April 29 at 3:00 p.m.**, the Rockford Park District will present grants totaling nearly \$68,000 to 26 local organizations to offer new and/or expanded recreation programming in the coming year. The presentations will occur in the Board Room of the Webbs Norman Center at 401 S. Main St., Rockford.

Since 1993, the Rockford Park District has partnered with many local agencies, organizations, and recreation service providers to create and offer quality recreation opportunities to people of all ages in our community.

### **Three types of grants are provided:**

#### **1) Hot Nights ... Summer in the City** - For ages 13-19 (exclusively)

- For programs that provide instruction, supervision, and/or designated times and places for recreation and leisure activities. Grants provided in the form of financial support and/or vouchers for field trips to Rockford Park District facilities.

#### **2) Investment in Our Youth** - For youth ages 5-17

- For programs that provide recreation and leisure activities for youth. Grants provided in the form of vouchers for field trips to Rockford Park District facilities.

#### **3) Rec Connection** - For individuals with disabilities of all ages

- For agencies serving individuals with disabilities to provide leisure and recreation programs.

Granting funds allows the Park District to serve more neighborhood-based offerings with existing facilities at a fraction of the cost of providing direct services at multiple locations. According to John Beck, Arts, Events and Recreation Projects Manager, "The Rockford Park District recognizes and values the ability of community organizations to create and offer quality recreation opportunities to people of all ages in our community. We are committed to incorporating recreation programming into existing services to promote youth development, violence prevention, and strong neighborhoods, and to benefit people of all abilities and needs. We know we can't do it alone, and the partners can't, either. Working together, we can make a real impact."

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