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SUMMER PROGRAMS IN THE PARKS - REGISTRATION NOW UNDERWAY

SILVER SPRING, MD - The Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning invites parents to explore the wide variety of summer programs for their children available at nature centers, ice rinks, tennis courts, golf courses, soccer fields, an archeological site and other locations. Online registration began January 10.

Headlining this summer's programs is the flexible, new Week in the Park program at Wheaton Regional Park. Parents can choose morning, afternoon, full day or multiple days. Kids will get a taste of everything the park has to offer including tennis, ice skating, baseball/softball, nature hikes and programs, a ride on the miniature train and carousel, a hike on the trails, a romp in the adventure playground, fishing in Pine Lake, a stroll through Brookside Gardens and more.

In addition, parents can select nature programs for their children including bug camp, prairie life camp, amazing animals, conservation camp, natural handcrafts, family nature camp, nuts about nature, the art of nature and more. There's even a granola kids camp for kids to learn all about organic food, visit an organic farm, enjoy healthful activities such as yoga, hiking, relaxation/breathing techniques, fun outdoor games and more.

Sports programs include hockey and ice dancing clinics, golf clinics, and ice skating and tennis camps for beginners through advanced levels. Some programs have extended care options.

Boy Scout merit badge programs at Meadowside Nature Center in Rock Creek Regional Park include forestry, geology, Indian lore and mammal study.

Dates, times, locations and additional program details are available at www.mcsummerprograms.com. Online registration is now available through www.ParkPASS.org.

Information on individual camp locations is available as follows:

Cabin John Ice Rink, Cabin John Regional Park, www.cabinjohnice.com

Wheaton Ice Arena, Wheaton Regional Park, www.wheatonicearena.com
Cabin John Indoor Tennis, Cabin John Regional Park, www.cabinjohntennis.com
Wheaton Indoor Tennis, Wheaton Regional Park, www.wheatontennis.com
Brookside Nature Center, Wheaton Regional Park, www.brooksidenature.org
Meadowside Nature Center in Rock Creek Regional Park, Rockville, www.meadowsidenature.org
Black Hill Visitors Center in Black Hill Regional Park, Boyds, www.blackhillnature.org
Locust Grove Nature Center in Cabin John Regional Park located in Bethesda,
www.locustgrovenature.org.

Information on this summer's junior golf programs is available online at:
www.needwoodgolf.com and www.northwestparkgolf.com

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