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Parks Summer Camps: Try By the Week

With the end of another school year, the Springfield-Greene County Park Board’s Schools, Parks Are Reaching Communities (SPARC) section offers several unique weekly summer camp opportunities at various locations and schools throughout Springfield.

The three separate weekly SPARC camps available are: Ritter Springs Day Camp, SPARC Summer Day Camps and Summer Quest Day Camp. Each camp runs daily from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., with week-by-week availability for campers. Enrollment is required by the Wednesday prior to the week the child will be attending.


**SPARC Summer Day Camps** provide swimming, arts and crafts, mad science, hiking, field trips, computers and much more for children 5 – 12 years of age. Each week provides a new theme and activities for campers. This camp is held now – August 13 at Field, McBride, Sequiota, Truman and Wanda Gray Elementary Schools and Oak Grove Community Center. The fee is $80 per week for a full day, or $55 per week for half-days (in conjunction with summer school only). [http://bit.ly/SPARCcamp](http://bit.ly/SPARCcamp)

**Summer Quest Day Camp** is a program with middle school students (11 – 14 years of age) in mind that provides a fun-filled and exciting experience now – July 30. Campers will meet new friends, swim, play sports, watch movies, participate in enrichment and team-building activities and go on field trips. Each week has a different theme with activities planned. The fee is $90 per week for a full day, or $70 per week for half-days (in conjunction with summer school only). [http://bit.ly/summerquest](http://bit.ly/summerquest)

Several other camps, programs and clinics are available to children throughout the summer:

**Rutledge-Wilson Farm Community Park** will provide themed summer camps, including: Once Upon a Farm on June 28 – July 2; Happy Trails on July 12 – 16; Growing Up Farm on July 19 – 23; and Future Farmers on August 9 – 13. Call the Farm Park at 417-837-5945 or visit [http://bit.ly/UGobz](http://bit.ly/UGobz) to learn more and register.

**Golf Clinics/Leagues** provide beginners the opportunity to learn the sport of golf. From one-day to weekly clinics, the Park Board’s Rivercut, Horton Smith and Bill & Payne Stewart Golf Courses offer instructional opportunities all summer long. Visit [http://bit.ly/awlVyd](http://bit.ly/awlVyd) and click on each course’s link for more information.

**Outdoor Initiatives programs** are available throughout the summer, which will teach children hiking, canoeing, water rescue, caving, photography, environmental education and
more. Contact the Outdoor Initiatives office at 417-833-8647 or visit http://bit.ly/bTwRf1 for more information.

To download the Park Board’s full spring/summer program guide, visit http://bit.ly/a5Y0EP. Call the Park Board’s main office at 417-864-1049 for more information.

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