



Town of Newstead Recreation Kicks Off a Fantastic First Week of Summer!

The Town of Newstead Recreation Department is off to an exciting start with an incredible first week of Summer Recreation! This summer, nearly 200 children are participating in our program between the AM and PM sessions, totaling an impressive 875 program registrations across all recreation offerings. It is wonderful to see so many families taking advantage of the opportunities available through our Recreation Department.

One of the exciting traditions that marks the beginning of Summer Recreation is the distribution of our annual Town of Newstead Recreation T-shirts. Kids proudly received their shirts during the first week, helping to build a sense of community and summer spirit as they kicked off another fun-filled season.

Kids jumped right into a variety of activities that kept them active, creative, and engaged while making new friends and enjoying the beautiful summer weather.

This week's sports focus was Flag Football, where kids worked on teamwork, sportsmanship, and fundamental football skills while having fun with their friends.

Our Core Value of the Week was Commitment. Throughout the week, staff encouraged kids to demonstrate commitment by trying new activities, encouraging one another, practicing their skills, and giving their best effort each day.

In Arts & Crafts, kids created colorful jellyfish crafts, folded fish, and folded paper monsters, highlighting their creativity and imagination.

One of the week's highlights was our Friday field trip to Akron Falls Park. Kids enjoyed a day outdoors that included exciting water balloon games, a nature scavenger hunt, playground time, opportunities to create and test their own bubble wands and paper airplanes, and a fun Punt, Pass, and Kick Competition, giving everyone a chance to show off their skills while cheering on their friends. It was a fantastic day filled with teamwork, laughter, exploration, and outdoor adventure.

Aquatics was another exciting part of the week as all kids began swimming lessons. We were especially excited to welcome many children participating in swim lessons for the very first time. Watching kids build confidence in the water, learn new skills, and celebrate their accomplishments has been a wonderful way to start the summer.

Throughout the week, kids also enjoyed plenty of free play and recreation, including exciting games of Gaga Ball, Four Corners, Capture the Flag, and Dodgeball, along with opportunities to spend time with friends while staying active.

We are incredibly proud of our kids for their enthusiasm, positive attitudes, and willingness to try new things during our first week. Their energy and excitement have helped create a welcoming, inclusive, and fun environment for everyone.

As we look ahead to another exciting week, kids will be learning the fundamentals of Hockey as our Sport of the Week while exploring the importance of Fairness, our Core Value of the Week. Friday's field trip will take kids to Russell Park and the Library, where they will enjoy another day of recreation, learning, and community fun.

The Town of Newstead Recreation Department extends a sincere thank you to our dedicated recreation staff, lifeguards, volunteers, and families for making the first week such a success. We look forward to another exciting week of learning, friendship, and summer fun!

