

Newstead Recreation Week 5 Recap

Week 5 of Newstead Recreation was another fun and busy week as participants focused on our Core Value of Respect and enjoyed our sports theme of Softball & Baseball.

Throughout the week, participants practiced the importance of respect for teammates, staff, opponents, and themselves. Through games and activities, kids were encouraged to show good sportsmanship, listen to others, work together, and support their fellow participants.

During our Softball & Baseball activities, participants worked on a variety of skills, including throwing, catching, fielding, hitting, and running the bases. Staff incorporated games and drills that gave everyone an opportunity to practice these fundamentals while learning more about teamwork and good sportsmanship. Whether participants were experienced players or trying the sport for the first time, the focus was on learning, improving, and having fun together.

In Arts & Crafts, creativity was on full display! Participants had fun using Play-Doh, putting their building skills to the test with marshmallow-and-toothpick creations, and making colorful paper flowers. Each activity gave the kids an opportunity to use their imagination and create something of their own.

In Aquatics, participants continued working on the swimming skills they have been developing throughout the summer. They practiced their regular swim skills, worked on jumps into the pool, and had some friendly competition while playing water polo. As we near the end of the program, participants also received a handout with an assessment of their swimming skills, providing families with an overview of the skills they worked on and their progress throughout the summer.

Our big field trip of the week took us to a Buffalo Bisons game! It was certainly a very hot day, but participants and staff made the most of the experience and enjoyed an afternoon at the ballpark together. Unfortunately, Mother Nature did not cooperate later in the week, and our planned field trip to Skyline Park had to be canceled due to the weather.

It is hard to believe, but we are now heading into the final week of Newstead Recreation! Our final sports theme will be Soccer, and our Core Value will be Service. Throughout the week, we will focus on what it means to help others, contribute to our community, and make a positive difference.

This will also be the final week of our Food Drive, so we encourage everyone who is able to help us finish strong by bringing in donations for the Akron-Newstead Food Pantry. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed!

We have an exciting final week planned. On Wednesday, participants will put their skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship to the test during the Newstead Recreation Olympics. Then, we will wrap up our summer together with a joint AM & PM Fun Run field trip, bringing both groups together for one final event filled with fun, friendship, and recreation spirit.

We can't wait to make our final week a memorable one and celebrate an amazing summer of Newstead Recreation together!