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Parks Plan Snow Day Camps to Ease Storm-related Care Issues

Heavy snows can close schools and present challenges for families where both parents work. Snowzilla brought more than 20 inches of snow and left parents who had to get to the office with limited choices and difficult decisions. In response, the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) has created a pilot program at four RECenters, that beginning next month will provide Snow Day Camp for school-age children at Audrey Moore, Lee District, Spring Hill and Oak Marr RECenters.

Snow Day Camp will be held during extended closures of Fairfax County Public Schools between November 1, 2016 and March 31, 2017 when schools are closed two or more days in a row. Snow Day Camps will begin on the second consecutive all-day school closing. Snow Day Camps will not operate for single day Fairfax County Public School (FCPS) closures, late openings or early dismissals, do not operate on weekends and will not be held when Fairfax County Government is closed or the Fairfax County Park Authority is closed.

Program hours will be 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on the day of the camp. Children ages 6 to 10 will participate in a variety of games, sports, arts and crafts and self-directed activities. The cost is \$65 per day per child, non-refundable fee. No scholarships or extended care are available. The program is limited to 30 children per site and is run by trained leaders who have undergone background checks.

Once the decision is made to operate based on school and county closings, a registration link will be placed on the Park Authority website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/snowdaycamp.htm. Families can sign up to receive advance email notifications as soon as registration for a Snow Day Camp opens. FCPA will also publicize the information via social media and other media platforms.

Spaces are limited and are on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration via phone is also available from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. (when the county is open) at 703-222-4664 or you can walk in to any RECenter and register.

For more information, call 703-324-5273.

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