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City to Reopen More Parks While Offering Safe Athletic and Education Programming

(CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GA – March 10, 2021) – City of South Fulton residents will be able to visit more parks and participate in limited athletic and education programs next month under a plan that provides safe options for families to enjoy facilities and in-person programming.

Approved by city council members Tuesday, the plan includes sports leagues, summer camps, outdoor events and cultural arts classes. It defines the activities as “low-risk,” meaning they can be done individually or within social distancing guidelines. In some cases, no equipment will be shared, while, in others, time will be included for sanitizing equipment between uses.

“We are excited to transition to a new phase of reopening that allows our parks and recreation team to offer programming that includes low-risk options for our residents,” said Tony Phillips, director of parks, recreation, and cultural affairs. “We can hold practice for low-risk sports, like youth baseball, where children can play outside in a socially distanced manner with capped participation.”

Participants will learn from certified performance specialists and strength-conditioning coaches who are ready to step on the field and teach baseball, football, adult kickball, pickleball, youth and adult tennis, youth and adult track and field and aquatics.

In addition to programming, the city will add two parks – Sandtown Park and Canine Crossing Dog Park – to a list of facilities open for passive use. Other open parks include Burdett, Cliftdale, Creel, Trammell Crow, Welcome All and Wilkerson Mill.

Residents can visit those parks for walking, jogging and similar activities. Park amenities and facilities will remain closed. The city also will offer rentals of small pavilions for resident groups of 10 people or fewer.

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“Residents also will have the opportunity to enjoy in-person arts and cultural programming,” said Chapin Payne, deputy director of parks, recreation, and cultural affairs. “We know there will be a high demand for these classes, but residents’ safety is our number-one priority.”

The maximum participants allowed per class is eight individuals with no shared equipment in accordance with guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Registration is open until March 31 for the following in-person classes: inner healing stretch, movement and balance, art adventure, teen acting, group guitar, jazz dance, modern dance, digital photography, and at-home hand building pottery.

The city also will offer health and wellness programming, including a glute camp, a farm fresh fitness event with tips on mindful eating and healthy living from South Fulton farmers, and a youth fishing program at Trammell Crow Park, where a pond recently was stocked with 1,000 bluegill fish donated by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

Parents can also enroll their children in one-week mini summer camps that will follow a pod-style model created to accommodate five to eight youth at a time. Campers will engage in fun, recreational and art activities. The camp instructor assigned to a pod of campers will facilitate activities to the same campers throughout the week. All bathrooms, equipment and frequently touched surfaces will be sanitized throughout the day and after hours.

Pre-registration is required for summer camp participation. The weekly mini-summer camps will be held at four site locations with capped participants. Thirty-two spaces are available at the Southwest Arts Center, 25 spots at Welcome All and Burdett Parks and 15 spots at the Clifftondale Community Building.

Registration opens April 5 for arts summer camps and April 19 for recreation summer camps. Families will still have the option to choose from virtual programming in addition to in-person program offerings.

Residents can find more information about current and upcoming program offerings through the registration icon on the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs web page on the city’s website at cityofsouthfultonga.gov. Watch the department’s Facebook and or follow on Instagram @SouthFultonPRCA.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How can I register for PRCA programs?

A. Registration for spring programs is open now until March 31. Registration will open for in-person programming in April and in May for classes held at Burdett Tennis Center. To register, click on the registration icon on the PRCA department webpage on the city website at cityofsouthfultonga.gov.

Q. Which parks are open and available for passive use under the phase two of the reopening plan?

A. Sandtown Park, Clifftondale Park, Canine Crossing Dog Park, Burdett Tennis Center, Welcome All Park, Trammell Crowe Park, Creel Park, and Wilkerson Mill Park.

Q. Which classes will be offered for spring registration?

A. Residents can register for inner healing stretch, movement and balance, art adventure, teen acting, group guitar, jazz dance, modern dance, digital photography, and at-home hand building pottery.

Q. What athletic programs will PRCA offer to residents?

A. Baseball, Football, Adult Kickball, Aquatics, Pickleball, Youth and Adult Tennis, and Youth and Adult Track Field.

Q. What is the PRCA mini-summer camp series?

A. PRCA will offer one-week “mini camps” using a pod-style model that will accommodate five to eight campers at a time. Campers will engage in fun, recreational and art activities. The camp instructor assigned to a pod of campers will facilitate activities to the same campers throughout the week. All bathrooms, equipment, and frequently touched surfaces will be sanitized throughout the day and after hours.

Q. What type of outdoor events will PRCA offer?

A. PRCA will offer fitness in the park, PRCA goes mobile, sports clinics, farm fresh fitness, arts in the park, and youth fishing. Fitness in the park is a new series that will offer participants health and wellness classes at various city parks. PRCA Goes Mobile will allow participants to who cannot get to a park facility to attend classes in their own neighborhood. The MobileRec program will allow our parks and recreational professionals and participants to use their own devices to connect to online fitness activities and maintain social distancing guidelines. Pre-registration is required for all outdoor events. Maximum participation is capped at 50 people.



Q. How will PRCA manage crowds who attend outdoor events or cap registration for in-person programs?

- A.** The phase two reopening model only supports pre-registered for in-person programming through Civic Rec. Enrollment is capped at a certain number of participants based on staffing numbers and CDC guidelines. Only enrolled participants will be allowed to attend in-person programming or outdoor events.

Q. What measures will PRCA take to ensure facilities and equipment are sanitized?

- A.** All bathrooms, equipment, and frequently touched surfaces will be sanitized throughout the day and after hours. All facilities will close each Monday for a thorough cleaning and sanitation. All participants and PRCA staffers are required to follow CDC guidelines to reduce the spread of COVID-19, which includes wearing a mask.

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