



## CITY OF COLUMBUS

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### Column #34 – No Boredom Allowed

#### “Under the Clock Tower”

Columbus parents, how many days/hours/minutes does it take, following the last day of the school year, for a child to utter the words, “I’m Bored!”

Hopefully this column can be a reminder that the City, both via city programs and non-profit organizations, has options to combat this condition. If my household is any indication to a typical one, Columbus kids these days are inundated with things to do all year long, so I say, “No Boredom Allowed.”

T-minus how many days until summer vacation? That countdown coincides with the Columbus Area Aquatic Center’s (CAAC) countdown to opening. Preparations for the CAAC swim season are well underway and you are invited to come again and enjoy the many offerings there – swim lessons, competitive swim team, or just in need of a respite from the heat. The CAAC offers seasonal passes and daily rates to take advantage of the fun spot at Firemen’s Park. For more information, call 623-6047 or check out the CAAC page on the City Website.

Do you have an adventurer, explorer or craftsman in your house? I would suggest you check out Columbus Recreation Summer Day Camps. A little something for everyone, there are three offerings this year: the “Little Scamper” Camp, for ages 2-3. Little Scampers are for first time campers and allow for activities to keep your smallest ones busy. There’s also the “Pee Wee” Camp, for ages 3-6, which offers more days and a little longer experience. Finally, the “Youth Adventure” Camp is for kids 6-12, and is designed for a longer day and more sustained projects. There are payment options for the whole summer as well as daily rates, so please contact Columbus Recreation at 623-5936 for details. All the camps offer the potential for Friday field trips, based upon interest. Last year, field trips included travel to the Henry Vilas Zoo, Chula Vista and the Cave of the Mounds. Those, among others are being considered for this year.

The Aquatic Center and the Summer Day Camp are just two of the many offerings provided by the City of Columbus. Beyond that, we have all the other opportunities offered by public and private organizations that are all either getting ready for summer or in the middle of their seasons, like the Columbus Football Organization flag football program, the Columbus Baseball Organization and Columbus Softball Association for little league baseball and softball. The City and Whole Body Strong soccer programs are out there, tennis, golf, theater, music...whoa, so many options to choose from.

It’s Red Bud Weekend in Columbus...the Red Bud Prince/Princess contest, the garage sales around the community...these are truly signs of warmer weather and opportunities to keep you and your kids busy. It’s also a sign that there isn’t too much time to sign up, enroll or make plans to take advantage of it. Have fun everyone!

If you have any questions on this or any other issue before city government, please contact me down at City Hall at 623-5900 or via email at [pvandersanden@columbuswi.us](mailto:pvandersanden@columbuswi.us).

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