

1st Annual York Summer Games – August 8, 9, 10, 2008

Dear Prospective York Summer Games Team:

Are you ready to play? The first annual York Summer Games, sponsored by York Parks and Recreation and York Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for August 8, 9, & 10.

The focus of these Games, (similar in design and scoring to the Olympics) is to introduce people to various recreational activities and facilities; promote the importance and satisfaction of living a healthy lifestyle; offer friendly competition, and the opportunity to meet new people while having a lot of fun! The smiles and memories of a great weekend will prevail over any soreness your body will experience!

Summer Games includes individual and team sports. Some of the activities are more traditional – like: sand volleyball, bicycling, home run derby, horseshoes, and a 5K run/walk. We also offer more unique activities such as: innertube water polo, obstacle course, community center triathlon, and tug-of-war. Because Summer Games is about more than just your athletic abilities, we are also conducting: geocaching scavenger hunt, karaoke challenge, and spelling bee. We are also offering, quite frankly, some silly events such as the waiter/waitress relays and the computer keyboard toss! The fun weekend will conclude with a BBQ and Awards Ceremony at East Hill Park.

If you are ready to play, then start putting together a team today! The registration deadline is Tuesday, July 1. However, you don't want to wait because Summer Games is limited to the first 16 teams. If you would like more information, please contact Paula Christensen at 363-2630 or Todd Kirshenbaum at 362-5531.

Included in this registration packet: 1) Waiver/Player Rosters;
2) Participation Numbers Form 3) Directions on registering a team
4) Schedule of events 5) Rules of events (subject to slight changes) 6) Points distribution for each event.

Game On!

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PURPOSE:

To encourage exercise, community spirit, teamwork, socialization and fun.

TEAMS:

- a. Team members must be 18 years of age or older as of August 8, 2008
- b. Team members must either live or work in York, or adult children of current residents.
- c. Teams usually comprised of co-workers, neighborhoods, service clubs, churches, friends, families, etc.
- d. Teams must consist of at least 10 people, but no more than 30.
- e. Each team shall appoint a team captain and an assistant captain.

EVENTS:

Obstacle Course	Bike Rally	Sand Volleyball Tournament
Homerun Derby	C.C. Triathlon	Computer Keyboard Toss
5K Run/Walk	Horseshoe Tournament	Geocaching Scavenger Hunt
Spelling Bee	Karaoke Challenge	Waiter/Waitress Relays
Innertube Water Polo	Tug-of-War	Trivia Contest

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: Schedule may change slightly depending on # of teams

Friday, August 8

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Obstacle Course, Harrison Park
7:30 pm – 8:15 pm	Bike Rally, Harrison Park to Family Aquatic Center
8:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Community Open Swim at Family Aquatic Center

Saturday, August 9

8:00 am – Noon	Sand Volleyball, East Hill and Harrison Parks
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Computer Keyboard Toss, location TBA
Noon – 2:00 pm	Community Center Triathlon
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Waiter/Waitress Relays, 6 th Street between Grant/Lincoln
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Home Run Derby, Miller Park Ballfields
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Coed Inner tube Water Polo, Family Aquatic Center
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Horseshoe Tournament, Harrison Park
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Trivia Contest, Yorkshire Playhouse

Sunday, August 10

7:00 am – 9:00 am	5K Run/Walk – location TBA (6:30 am check-in)
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Outdoor Church Services – location TBA
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Geocaching Scavenger Hunt – location TBA
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Karaoke Challenge, Yorkshire Playhouse
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Spelling Bee, Yorkshire Playhouse
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Tug-of-War, East Hill Park
5:45 pm – 7:30 pm	BBQ and Awards Ceremony, East Hill Park

Note: Participants should not compete in events that occur at same time or overlap.

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ENTRY FEE & BENEFITS:

Cost is \$10 per person.

Players will receive a team T-shirt and have LOTS OF FUN!

REGISTRATION: Teams are encouraged to submit their entry early! We will only take the first 16 teams who have completed the following:

- Summer Games limited to the **first 16 teams to register. The final deadline is Tuesday, July 1, 2008.**
- In order to be officially registered, the team captain must hand in a completed:
 - a. **Team Roster/Waiver form** – including all players' signature on waiver signature box and all players' adult t-shirt size (S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL)
 - b. **Participation Numbers form** – telling us which events your team is entering and how many participants in each event. This is necessary to make final brackets and scheduling.
 - c. **\$10 per player fee.** Please make check(s) out to City of York.
 - d. **Send or bring** the above to York Community Center; 211 E. 7th Str. in York.
- **Teams are encouraged to submit their entry early! We will take only 16 teams!**

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

In the event of inclement weather, some events may be cancelled, postponed or revised. Changes due to weather will be announced on KAWL radio or you can call 402-363-2630 for scheduling updates. Entry fees are not refundable due to weather cancellations.

HELPFUL HINTS WHEN ORGANIZING YOUR TEAM:

- Establish a team captain and assistant captain
- Start early in planning. Schedule a meeting for interested participants to sign-up.
- Do not include a person on your roster until you receive their entry fee.
- Encourage teammates to participate in more than just one event.
- Utilize your entire team and recruit enough people in an effort to have participants in every event.
- **Don't have individual's signup to participate in events that occur during the same time span.**
- Include information in business or church newsletters.
- Network your efforts. Identify people who can help solicit participants and develop team spirit.
- Schedule an organizational meeting a few days before the Games to distribute shirts, schedules and rules.
- Keep the emphasis on having FUN!

FOR MORE YORK SUMMER GAMES INFORMATION:

Paula Christensen, York Parks and Recreation at 363-2630

Todd Kirshenbaum, York Chamber of Commerce at 362-5531

Jeanelle Buseman, York Parks and Recreation at 363-2630

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TEAM POINTS & AWARDS:

Participants/teams will earn points for their Summer Games team as described below. Team points will be accumulated to determine a Summer Games Team Champion. The top three teams overall will receive awards. Participants/teams finishing first, second or third in any event will receive a medal. The team exhibiting the best unity, enthusiasm and sportsmanship will be presented the “Team Spirit” award. The awards will be presented Sunday at the BBQ/Awards Ceremony at East Hill Park.

The number of points a team earns depends on the event:

Individual events: 15 points for first, 10 points for second, 5 points for third, 1 point for every other individual participating/completing event.

Individual events include:

- 5K Run (age divisions)
- 5K Walk (participation points only; the walk IS NOT a race)
- Bike Rally (participation points only)
- Spelling Bee
- Computer Keyboard Toss
- Homerun Derby

Small Events: 30 points for first, 20 points for second, 10 points for third, 5 points for fourth, 3 points for all other participating teams.

Small events will include:

- Waiter/Waitress Relays
- Doubles Horseshoe Tournament
- Geocaching Scavenger Hunt
- Karaoke Challenge
- Trivia Bowl
- Community Center Coed Team Triathlon

Major Team Events: 50 points for first, 35 points for second, 20 points for third, 10 points for fourth, 5 points for all other participating teams.

Major team events will include:

- Basic Training Coed Obstacle Course
- Sand Volleyball
- Men’s, Women’s and Coed 4-on-4 Tug-of-War

Coed Inner-tube Water Polo: 20 points for winning, 10 points for losing.