



City of Petersburg provides Activities/Programs and Employment Opportunities for the Youth Population



The City of Petersburg provides programs, activities and employment opportunities for the youth population. City Council and City Administration are dedicated and committed to ensuring opportunities are available to the youth population. **City Manager, William E. Johnson, III states, “We have been working hard to make sure our children and young adults have programs to benefit their development during the summer”.** Various city departments provide programs/activities and employment opportunities - Petersburg Parks & Leisure Services, Office on Youth, Petersburg Library and Petersburg Bureau of Police, Petersburg Sheriff’s Office and Petersburg Public Library.

The Petersburg Parks & Leisure Services Department offers a comprehensive eight (8) Week Summer Program. The program provides fitness, fun and cultural activities for children/teens between the ages of six and fourteen. Summer campers participate in the following activities; tennis, golf, fishing, walking club, dance, swimming, gardening, fitness, nutrition sessions and speciality mini camps (arts, dance, cheerleading, baseball, basketball). Transportation, breakfast & lunch are all provided - over six hundred children/teens are registered for the 2014 Summer Fun & Fitness Program. Partnerships play a vital role in programs/service delivery. A special thanks to First Baptist Church, Faith and Hope Church, Tabernacle Baptist Church and Petersburg Public Schools for providing facility usage. The program operates from June 23-August 14, 2014. For additional information please visit www.petersburgva.gov

City of Petersburg largest employer of YOUTH

The City of Petersburg is the largest employer of Teens in the Tri - Cities Area during the summer, falls, winter and spring. Parks & Leisure Services employs over one hundred teens each summer in the City of Petersburg Summer Program (Camp Leaders, Camp Aides, Lifeguards, Head Guards). The Teens participate in a Week Long Training Session to prepare them for their summer. Training includes CPR Certification, Customer Service Training, City of Petersburg Core Values Training, Decision Making, Creativity at the Camp Site, Nutrition, Teamwork, Effective communication and playground/camp games. All Lifeguards/Head Lifeguards are American Red Cross Certified.



Petersburg Office on Youth

The Petersburg Office on Youth mission is to empower at-risk youth between the ages of 16 - 21 to complete their education and become employable. The Office on Youth assigns teens to various organizations throughout the city. There are thirty seven (35) teens assigned to the following works sites;



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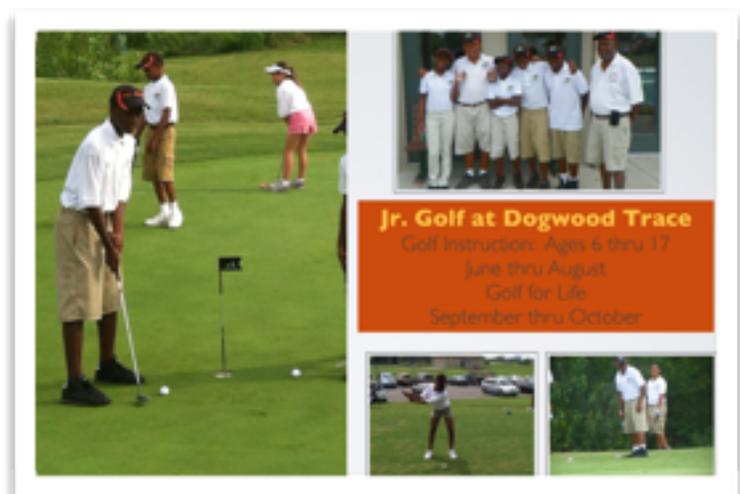
Youth Golf Program

Petersburg Parks & Leisure Services teamed up with Dogwood Trace Golf Pro Jamie Fagan to offer golf instruction to over three hundred youth during the summer. Eight weeks of introductory golf lessons.

Youth Golf Program - Golf For Life

Dogwood Trace Golf Course presents "Golf for Life" Youth Program.

The Purpose of this program is to teach youth from various backgrounds the values of life through the game of golf. To play the game of golf you will need the nine core values: honesty, judgment, integrity, sportsmanship, courtesy, responsibility, respect, confidence, and perseverance. Our youth will need these core values to help in their everyday life and to overcome any life challenges that are headed their way. Our Mission for this program is to teach our



youth the life skills that will help them become a better person as they grow. Lessons are held on Saturdays beginning this Fall this will be the 3rd Season of Golf For Life.



Youth Baseball Camp

The Petersburg Generals offers a baseball camp for city youth enrolled in the Parks & Leisure Services Summer Program. The Petersburg Generals instruct the camp and campers engage in the basic fundamentals of baseball.

Youth Gardening Program

City youth participate in a year round gardening program at the Petersburg Sports Complex. The Golden Girls (a group of Senior Women) partnered with the Parks & Leisure Services Department to offer gardening sessions throughout the year to teach city youth how to grow and cultivate vegetables/fruits and the importance of gardening as it relates to a healthy lifestyle .



Youth Fitness Go Go Class

Parks & Leisure Services - Fitness Go Go Class offers physical fitness in a creative manner as the actual Go Go culture is combined with routine exercises for eight weeks. One hundred girls ages six to fourteen participate in this fast pace Go Go style class. A great way to involve girls in physical fitness activities.



Youth Arts Program

Petersburg Parks & Leisure Services partnered with the Petersburg Area Art League to offer a Summer Arts Program for City Youth. Summer Campers participate in a week long camp at the Art League. Over one hundred and twenty children will engage in the Arts during summer 2014



Youth Fishing Derby Day

FOLAR a non profit organization partners with Petersburg Parks & Leisure Services to offer a Fishing Derby for city youth. The Fishing Derby is held at the Lower Appomattox River and the day consist of fishing instruction , environmental education - keeping the river clean along with river safety. Also, the Petersburg Kiwanis partner with Parks & Leisure Services to offer an Annual Kiwanis Regional Fishing Clinic. This year the 14th Annual Kiwanis Regional Fishing Clinic will be held at Buckroe Beach Fishing Pier - Hampton, Va. Thirty Campers will travel to the Buckroe Beach Fishing Pier and enjoy a day of Fishing Fun.



Youth Tennis

Over the last ten years, City Youth traveled to Virginia State University to participate in Summer Tennis Lessons. This year for the 1st time - over one hundred and fifty children and teens will participate in a Summer Tennis Program at Lee Memorial Park. Petersburg City Council approved Community Development Block Grant Funding to demolish and rehabilitate the Tennis



Courts at Lee Memorial Park. As a result, city youth, adults and seniors have an opportunity to play the game of tennis at a State of the Art Outdoor Tennis Facility in the City of Petersburg. Virginia State University Head Tennis Coach provides instruction.

Summer Pool Schedule

The Farmed Street Pool is now open to Petersburg residents. The pool operates Tuesdays thru Saturdays 12noon-7:00pm. Lifeguards are certified through the American Red Cross. For additional information, please call 804-733-2394.



Youth Fitness (Olympian Style)

Parks & Leisure Services Summer Program Campers participate in Summer Fitness Programs - Olympian Style. Girls ages 6 thru 14 compete in Fitness Activities - laughs, fitness & fun but more importantly friendships are developed.



Youth Cultural Events/Activities

Parks & Leisure Services provides opportunities for children/teens to attend cultural events and activities. A group of over forty children attended the STEM Conference in Washington D.C. and soon after a group of one hundred and seventy children/teens enjoyed a visit to the Washington D.C. Zoo and a tour of Washington D.C.



WOW HISTORY CAMP - WEEK OF WONDER

Five non-profits joined with the City of Petersburg to offer a “Week of Wonder” WOW History Camp to twenty-five children (rising fifth and sixth graders). City Museums, Historic Petersburg Foundation, National Park Service, Virginia State University, and the Willcox Watershed Conservancy formed a partnership to educate Petersburg’s youth about the rich history of their city. Each organization engaged the children by offering hands on workshops and a healthy lunch.



PETERSBURG POLICE SUMMER YOUTH ENRICHMENT CAMP

The Petersburg Police Summer Youth Enrichment Camp targets 30 youth ages 7-12 years old. Three full time police officers and a host of volunteers conduct educational and entertaining experiences such as literacy programs conducted Delta Sigma Theta, Incorporated and field trips to nature centers, museums and bowling.

Youth Law Enforcement Camp Petersburg Sheriff's Office

Each year, the Petersburg Sheriff's Office sponsors a Law Enforcement Camp for both girls and boys during the summer, in partnership with Parks and Leisure Services. The groups consist of youth from the ages of 11 - 14 years of age. The goal of the camp is two fold. The first is to expose this age group, as they begin to think about career choices and the vast opportunities that are available in the law enforcement arena. The second is to continue to reinforce the thought that the law enforcement community is not to be feared and can be trusted.

The children also begin to understand the political process as they are given the task of electing a president at the beginning of the week. To share information, we had presenters from all walks of life who have managed to find success in a law enforcement career in the Petersburg and Tri city area. The following Law Enforcement Professionals visited the campsite; Judge, US Marshall, Bureau of Prisons Warden and Case Manager, Park Ranger, FBI Agent and many more law enforcement professionals . The presenters share how they grew up, their success and what they do in their current positions. The Petersburg Sheriff's Office continues this effort each year to continue to affect the minds of our youth in a positive way.





Sheriff's Camp for Girls - A demonstration with the K-9 Dog

Children's Programs at Petersburg Public Library:

Summer Reading Program

This program runs from June 23- August 15, 2014. Open to all ages this program allows children to read and win prizes for their participation in the program. The program includes sessions on Exotic Animals, UV Sunscreen Protection, African Storytelling, and Craft Making. The program will end with Storyteller Lynn Rhuehlmann, 2pm on August 15th at Tabernacle Baptist Church. For more information call (804) 733-2387 ext. 401.



STEM- Sational Saturdays

Every 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 11am in our Children's Department kids will have fun learning, building, and playing with Lego Bricks. The program is geared for ages 5-12 and registration is required due to space limitations. For more information call (804) 733-2387 ext. 401.



Pre School Story Time

Bring your pre-school child for a wonderful story inside the children's

department. This time is open to everyone. Groups of three or more are encouraged to rsvp at (804) 733-2387 ext. 401.

Toddler Story Time

Come and bring your toddler for a wonderful story time inside the children's department. This time is open to everyone. Groups of three or more are encouraged to rsvp at (804) 733-2387 ext. 401.

Anime

What's your favorite? Shonen or Shougo? Talk about it and let us know at our next Anime meeting. The club is open to teens 13-18. This group meets every third Monday at 6:30 p.m. For more information call (804) 733-2387 ext. 404.



Fandom

Meet with others who are just as devoted as you may be to a particular character series of characters such as Harry Potter, Divergent, Hunger Games, Lord of the Rings, or Star Trek. This group is open to teens ages 13-18 and meets every second Monday at 6:30 p.m. For more information call (804) 733-2387 ext. 404.



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Petersburg Sheriff's Office (804-733-2369)