

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Summer Playground Program

*Free Family Fun in the Sun*

#### Summary

With summer in full swing, The City of Nanaimo Parks, Recreation and Environment department invites children between the ages of 5 to 12 years old and their parents to participate in the Summer Playground Program from July 2 to August 22. This free program running Monday to Friday from 10 am to 3:30 pm is fun for the whole family and includes music, crafts, games and "Science in the Park with Nanaimo Science and Sustainability Society".

The program runs at Country Hills Park on Mondays and Tuesdays; Departure Bay Centennial Park Wednesdays to Fridays; Deverill Square Park Mondays to Wednesdays and Fridays; Harewood Centennial Park Mondays to Fridays; Mansfield Park Mondays to Fridays; and Fairview Community School Mondays to Fridays.

*Strategic Link:* The Summer Playground Program supports the Community Building Partnerships priority as indicated in the 2012-2015 Corporate Strategic Plan.

#### Key Points

- The Summer Playground Program runs Monday to Friday from 10 am to 3:30 pm starting July 2 until August 22.
- The Summer Playground Program is in partnership with Harewood Neighbourhood Association, Nanaimo Foodshare and Nanaimo Science and Sustainability Society (NS3).

#### Quotes

"We are very excited to have the Summer Playground Program running at various playgrounds around Nanaimo. This free event is a great way for families to get out and enjoy some summer fun."

Deborah Beck  
Recreation Coordinator  
City of Nanaimo

#### Quick Facts

- Other free, fun things to do this summer include the Search for the Golden Bucket Contest, Summer Concerts in the Park Series and waterparks located at four parks throughout the city are open.

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