

NEWS RELEASE

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City offers free family fun this summer

Summary

Nanaimo Parks and Recreation invites families to "take a moment" this summer and participate in the many summer programs being offered.

The Summer Playground Program will run from July 5 - August 30 and is designed for children between the ages of 5 - 12 years old to participate with their parents. This program, consisting of music, crafts, games and sports, will run Monday through Friday in six of Nanaimo's parks and is fun for the whole family.

Also, three Family Fun Nights are being held at a different park each month. Similar to the Playground Program, families can join in on games, music, crafts and other activities.

The Concerts in The Park kick off July 4 with lunchtime and evening performances in Maffeo Sutton Park and at the Bowen Park Amphitheatre. There are 18 different entertainers to watch offering a variety of music styles to choose from.

Strategic Link: Free Summer programming supports cultural vitality, an active lifestyle and social equality.

Key Points

- The Summer Playground program runs from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm Monday - Friday at various parks in July & August. Please see the Playground Program schedule for more information.
- Family Fun Nights run on Thursday evenings from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in Departure Bay Park on June 29, Mansfield Park on July 27 and Harewood Centennial Park on August 31.
- The summer Concerts in The Park lunchtime series is from 12:30-1:30 pm and the evenings series is from 6-7:30 pm through July and August. Please see the schedule for a list of entertainers and locations.

Quotes

"These free, family friendly programs make it easy for families to play outside together this summer in Nanaimo's fantastic parks."

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, Canada 150 celebrations, Canada 150 Everyone Welcome Skate, Family Fishing Day, water parks and Westwood Lake swimming with lifeguards on duty.

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