

Supervisor BPAC Report
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June 2024 Youth Programming

Program Name: Field Trip - BRICK

Program Date: June 4th, 2024 (Ages 6-12)

Program Recap: Rotation stations included Guided Nature Hike, Hayride, Community Gardens, Donkeys, and Pioneer Museum.

Program Name: Children's Place Day Care field trip experience, 29 participants

Program Date: June 11, 2024 (Ages 5-12)

Program Recap: Rotation stations included Guided Nature Hike, Hayride, Community Gardens, Donkeys, and Pioneer Museum.

Program Name: Fun on the Farm Camp, 17 participants

Program Date: June 5,6,7 17, 2024 (Ages 6-12)

Program Recap: Campers, enjoyed hands-on experience with Guided Nature Hike with plant identification, Gardening, Culinary Art, Donkeys, and Pioneer Museum.

Program Name: Fun on the Farm Camp, 22 participants

Program Date: June 27, 28, 2024 (Ages 4-5)

Program Recap: Children enjoyed hands-on experience with Guided Nature Hike with plant identification, Gardening, Culinary Art, Donkeys, and Pioneer Museum.

Program Name: Horse Camp, 12 participants

Program Date: June 18, 19, 2024 (Ages 7-18)

Program Recap: Children enjoyed learning handling techniques, grooming, and riding skills.

Program Name: Horse Camp. 10 participants

Program Date: June 20, 21, 2024 (Ages 7-18)

Program Recap: Children enjoyed learning handling techniques, grooming, and riding skills.

Program Name: Art Camp by Kid Create Art Studio, 14 participants

Program Date: June 25, 26, 27, 28, 2024

Program Recap: Theme the "How To's of Drawing"

Program Name: Art Camp with Misty Gifford, 11 participants

Program Date: June 25,26,27,28, 2024 (Ages 5-14)

Program Recap: Campers engaged in 1-2 projects daily, utilizing various art mediums and techniques

July 2024

Program Name: Art Camp by Kid Create Art Studio, 11 participants

Program Date: July 9, 10,11,12, 2024 (Ages 5-12)

Program Recap: "Modern Masters of Clay"

Program Name: Art Camp with Misty Gifford, 20 participants

Program Date: July 9,10,11,12, 2024 (Ages 5-12)

Program Recap: Campers engaged in 1-2 projects daily, utilizing various art mediums and techniques.

Program Name: STEAM Camp

Program Dates: July 16, 17, 2024 (Ages 6-12) **12 participants**

Program Dates: July 30. 31, 2024 (Ages 8-11) **13 participants**

Program Recap: Children enjoyed learning science, technology, engineering, and mathematics while having fun at camp!

August 2024

Program Name: Art Camp with Kid Create Art Studio, 31 participants

Program Date: August 1-2, 2024 (Ages 5-15)

Program Recap: Theme "Slimetastic Art"

Program Name: Endless Summer Camp, 12 participants

Program Date: August 6,7,8,9, 2024

Program Recap: This camp offered hands-on experience with culinary arts, crafts, nature hikes, and donkeys. 12 campers attended.

Adult Classes

Program Name: Marinara Sauce Canning Class, 18 participants

Program Date: Saturday, June 15, 2024

Program Name: Peach Pie Filling, 18 participants

Program Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024

Program Name: Habanero Carrot Butter, 15 participants

Program Date: Saturday, August 17, 2024

Program Name: Onion Balsamic Jam, 10 participants

Program Date: Saturday, September 21, 2024

Program Recap: Monthly Canning classes cover safety techniques of the canning process; each participant gets a copy of the recipe and a jar of the item they canned. The class offers an opportunity to meet new friends and work together as a team. It is provided 9:00 – 12:00 pm once a month.

Program Name: Adult Art Camp, 17 participants

Program Date: July 7, 2024

Program Recap: The day included five, one-hour projects, each taught by a different local artist, with lunch provided.

Program Name: Monthly Art Classes taught by Karen Kaiser

Program Dates: June 15th, July 13th, August 31st, September 14th

Program Recap: Themes – “Mandalas” “Color Wheel Cactus” “Sea Turtles” and “Gem Stones”. Fall into Art Series began on September 14th. All supplies are included.

Special Events

Event: Watermelon Day at the Farm, 300 attendees

Event Date: July 19, 2024

Event Recap: July is Parks and Recreation Month, we offer free watermelon, sprinklers for children to cool off, and arts and crafts.

Partnered Event: Big Time Bubbles for the Library, 194 attendees

Event Date: June 28, 2024

Event Recap: Unlimited foam and bubbles were released in the farm's pasture. Children could run and play in the bubbles.

Partnered Event: International Mud Day, 135 attendees

Event Date: June 29, 2024

Event Recap: Several stations with play pools filled with mud and toys for children to play in. Parents participated along with the children.

Partnered Event: Burleson Chamber Business over Breakfast, 60 attendees

Event Dates: May 30th, June 27th, July 25th, 2024

Event Recap: The Brick usually hosts these events however due to Summer Camps the Brick is not available. The farm gets exposure by hosting these breakfast events each summer.

Old Business Updates

- Status of unsafe structure – 3-sided sheep shed
- Steve Ross – Return for a multi-day workshop
- Parks & Recreation Master Plan update
- Information cards for three items in the Russell Boren Home to assist with tours
- Pete McCaskill interview with Tom Sale to share history of the sculptures in the Dairy Barn
- Dairy Barn access and future gallery expansion to accommodate additional Charlie Boren art pieces
- Excel file for Charlie Boren's artwork sales and purchases (update from Charlsa)
- Maintenance record keeping is being done
- Use Agreement – possible changes suggested by the City
- QR Codes at Russell Farm
- Russell Farm Master Strategic Plan status
- Process for tracking donations & issuing donation receipts
- 150th Anniversary planning
- Widening of CR 714 update
- Security improvements for entrance & exit
- Arborist report
- On-site signage & maps
- Victrola Repair update
- Garage conversion update

- Promotion opportunities for Russell Farm (Local Life publication, weekly newsletters, etc.)
- Russell Farm website to make user-friendly and accessible to non-Burleson residents