

# Metro Parks' Disabilities Programs

*To provide for the safety of the participants who visit and participate in our recreation programs, we ask that participants and families be mindful of the following:*

## Limitations of "Drop-in" Programs

- The Metro Parks' Disabilities Programs operate on a "drop-in" basis. They are not intended to function as a day care or sitting service.
- Because we are not a day care or sitting service, participants are able to leave on their own without a parent or guardian.
- When a participant willingly chooses to leave the community center facility, he or she is no longer considered a participant in the program and will not be supervised by staff.
- Parks and community centers are open to the public during Metro Parks' Disabilities Program times, and patrons are able to enter and leave the facilities through multiple exits.
- These programs are not recommended for participants who lack the discipline and/or ability to stay with the group and/or their assigned staff for the duration of the program.

## Maximum Capacity Limits for Programs

- To ensure participants' safety and provide program quality, maximum capacity limits are established for each program and facility. Once that capacity is reached, no more participants can be allowed in the program.
- Registration for our Day Programs is continually ongoing. If capacity is met for the Day Program, applicants will be put on a waiting list and notified when a position becomes available.
- Registration for specific programs begins on a designated date and time, and continues until the maximum limit has been reached. After that limit is reached, interested individuals are placed on a waiting list and notified if a position becomes available.

## Expectations for Disabilities Programs' Participant Conduct

- To maintain a safe and friendly environment, participants are expected to show self-discipline, respect for others and compliance with staff instructions.
- Participants who demonstrate disruptive behavior will be subject to a three step discipline procedure:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> incident - Verbal reminder of rules and consequences
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> incident - Separation from the activity or group to defuse the situation & Write-up
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> incident - Parents/Guardians/Caretakers notified and potential suspension from the program.\*\*\* Extreme incidents or behavior will involve an automatic write-up and notification of Parents/Guardians/Caretakers
- Incidents of a violent nature will involve an automatic write-up, notification of Parents/Guardians/Caretakers and a potential suspension from the program.
- Frequent unruly behavior can result in suspension from the program.
- Each participant must have a completed Program Application filled out and signed by a parent or legal guardian on file with the Disabilities Program Coordinator.

**I have read the rules and limitations printed above and understand that Metro Parks does not agree to provide any type of custodial services for the participants indicated below. I have read and understand the rules for conduct and capacity limits as described above. I also acknowledge that this participant will be participating in recreation and sports activities that can be strenuous and pose certain risks. I voluntarily assume all responsibility and risk of loss, damage, illness and/or injury to person or property which this participant may sustain in connection with participation in these activities. I agree that photographs may be taken of this participant while engaged in these activities and that these photographs may be used to promote Parks and Recreation Department programs.**

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*Participant Name*

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*Participant Signature*

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*Date*

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*Parent/Guardian Name*

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*Parent/Guardian Signature*

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*Date*

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