

Exciting plans for club's summer camps

Program plans have been set for a summer of fun at the Edson and District

Boys and Girls club.

The camp will run from Monday to Friday each week (except holidays) and include plenty of activities, lots of learning and some great out-of-town trips.

Days run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the program is for kids aged 5 to 12. According to Program Manager Trina Johann, campers will be split up into two age groups this year (juniors — 5 to 8 and senior— 9 to 12) so each group can do activities geared toward their age.

The summer camps begin the day after Canada Day, on July 2, and run until the last week in August (24 to 28). Exciting trips will include a Wild Waters day at an Edmonton-area water park that also boasts go-karts and mini golf. Also, there will be a trip to a corn maze near the city, and the classic trip back in time to Fort Edmonton Park. Campers will also take trips to Edson Bowl for a few rounds of bowling, and there are also trips to Bear Lake Campground planned, where kids can splash around in the lake and take part in outdoor activities.

There will be a trip to Niton's Green Grove Pool as well as a trip to Jasper for white water rafting. Kids will also get the chance to go to Hinton to play laser tag.

Staffers have devised a number of

creative themes for the summer program. For example, kids will take part in multicultural crafts, eat exotic snacks and play games from different countries during multiculturalism week (Aug. 17 to 21). There will be an Outer Space theme day, a Wanna Be a Rockstar dress-up day, a science day, an anti-bullying day, a Summer Olympics and outdoor barbecues.

Last year, the club took up to up to 60 kids each day, but that number was a little large for the single building. This year, officials are trying to procure the use of a nearby school and if successful, having two buildings will allow them to take up to 80 kids. Johann encouraged parents to sign children up early because spots fill up fast.

Also, the floor of the clubhouse has been completely refurbished and a new computer room will soon be set up so kids can work on computer programs or use the Internet.

Throughout the summer, the club will sell ducks for its annual duck race during Gold Dust Daze in Peers. Tickets are \$5 and available at the club.

For full details on the summer schedule and registration, call the Edson and District Boys and Girls Club at (780) 723-7240.

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