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### **Summer Recreation Guide in the newspaper Friday, June 5**

This will be the best summer ever! The new City Summer Recreation Guide is packed full of adventurous summer camps, arts and crafts, sports, music, dance, swimming, and options for children who have special needs.

*“We have lots of different summer fun options for preschoolers, young children, youth, and even adults,”* says Lynn Wark, the City’s manager of recreation and culture. *“Centennial Pool is already open. There are lots of scheduled swims, swimming lesson options, and the pool can be rented for pool parties. We even have special activities for adults, including a farm and winery tour, and arts programs. This summer, we’re catering to all ages.”*

Children ages three to seven can attend camps that explore the ocean, Centennial Park, or the forest. Older children can choose from camps that teach them about life guarding, cooking, fishing, outdoor conservation, active living, dance, sewing, pottery and art.

Sports camps cater to children interested in baseball and softball, volleyball, soccer and water sports. There’s even a multisport camp for children interested in trying out a variety of sports options.

A recreation camp, for children seven to 18 years old with special needs, is offered weekly. And, a camp for children ages eight to 12, living with autism or autism spectrum disorder, offers games, crafts and other fun activities under the leadership of qualified leaders.

*“We are able to offer great summer fun options because of our volunteers,”* Wark adds. *“Each year we run a volunteer program called Leaders in Training, and this year is no different. Youth ages 12 to 18, interested in assisting with camp activities while building leadership skills and gaining valuable work experience, are invited to apply by June 12. Successful applicants pay a \$55 registration fee that includes an orientation, training and a t-shirt.”*

Registration for the Summer Recreation Guide Programs starts Friday. To make a booking in person, visit the Community Centre or Sportsplex, or call 250-286-1161 or 250-923-7911.

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