



SUMMER FEATURE STORIES: From the Town of Allan to Zenon Park

- Summer Fun Program
- Kool Summer Daze



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The programs highlighted below have both received a grant from CIF's Summer Grant Program. Summer Grants are intended to support activities and programs for children and youth that occur between May 1 and August 31. The types of projects typically supported include summer camps and day programming during the summer months that offer positive recreation, arts, culture and learning opportunities.

Feature Story: Summer Fun Program, Town of Allan

The Allan Summer Fun Program is a summer program for children aged five to twelve with a focus on mental growth, physical activity, and healthy lifestyles. **"Keeping the children and youth engaged in our community by providing quality recreation and active methods of mental development was the primary goal of the program"** shared Lindsay Nordmarken, Recreation Director.

Themed weeks such as team sports, nutrition, arts and crafts, and water sports provided many different opportunities for kids to try new activities and meet new friends. Participants in the program also received daily nutritional snacks. Two high school students gained valuable work experience through summer jobs as 'play leaders,' assisting and participating in the activities with the children. A university student was also employed as the program coordinator.

" My son enjoyed the different activities each day. It was a great program to keep him from getting bored while I was working. It gave him something to look forward to. "

- Rhonda Balion, parent

"The quality of life for the children of our community has been increased by giving children something extra to look forward to daily" said Nordmarken. **"For our community the benefits of having our children grow up with positive outlets to express themselves as well as a sense of ease for parents knowing their children have a safe place to go is immense."**

Feature Story: Kool Summer Daze; Zenon Park Community Partners

Kool Summer Daze provided children with the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of games, crafts, and activities. This program was offered at no cost and was accessible to children of all needs. The program also took part in a children's festival put on by Lapouponniere Daycare Coop for the whole community to enjoy. The summer concluded with a community wide Teddy Bear Picnic that comprised of outdoor games, colouring, a teddy bear dress-up contest, a community picnic and much more!

"Days were filled with fun and activities for kids and many crafts were brought home! To finish it off there was an awesome teddy bear picnic to involve parents and community members. We would recommend this for summer to keep kids active and involved in the community" shared Mavis McCrea, parent.

"This summer program made it possible for children to engage in the community in meaningful ways" shared Bonnie Marchildon, Office Administrator. **"Children gained a sense of belonging and they also learned to take pride in their community. It not only helped keep our community active throughout the summer, but it brought a dynamic sense of community to all involved."**



Kool Summer Daze

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