



2008 Summer Opportunities for Whittier Youth

*** **Whittier Youth Club:** This youth-run group has a leadership focus, is open to all youth 11-18, is ongoing and FREE as it is made possible through NRP funds. Youth meet weekly at Whittier Park. Contact Chris from Family & Children's Service for more information—763-569-2625 or chris.paipoovong@fcsmn.org or to receive the newsletter for Whittier families called *KIDS KONNECTIONS*.

- **Whittier Park:** (26th and Grand) T-ball, soccer, cooking class, the I Read I Win program, crafts and more. Call 612-370-4966 or go to www.minneapolisparcs.org for more information.
- **Clinton Field Park:** (25th and Clinton) This Park will be staffed this summer thanks to NRP funds. Tuesdays through Fridays from 1-5pm starting June 17th. Send your kids over to meet Molly who will organize activities and games with the youth.
- **28th St Tot Lot:** The Mobile Playground will be visiting the Tot Lot Park on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11am-1pm. This is a rec center on wheels that brings crafts, games and more! Just show up ☺

Summer Camps & Programs

- **PPL's SEED Camp:** For kids who have completed 2nd-5th grades. Monday-Thursday from 9am-3pm for 8 weeks (June 23rd-August 14th). Fun, hands-on learning activities—reading, math, science, art, etc. with field trips every week. For those who live in the neighborhood, staff will pick the youth up and walk them home. Breakfast and lunch provided. Free, but sliding scale fee for the field trips. At Bethlehem Community Center on 26th St & Pleasant Ave S. Contact Maurie or Shannon for more information at: 612-872-2773.
- **Somali Education Center:** For Mpls public school students entering 1st through 12th grades. From July 7th-31st, Monday-Thursday 8am-1pm. Free breakfast, lunch and transportation. Math, reading and science classes taught by licensed teachers plus field trips. At 2205 Nicollet Ave S. Call Janelle at 872-8812 to register.
- **COOL Youth Center:** At Calvary Church on 26th St & Blaisdell Ave S. Summer program for youth ages 6-18 from June 16th – July 31st from 10am-3pm Monday-Thursday. Lunch provided. Call Greg Baldwin at 870-6118.
- **Salem Lutheran Church:** (Along with other local congregations) Urban Explorers Day Camp--a week of faith and fun, will be held at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church at 24th and Chicago. For youth entering 1st through 6th grade. June 16-20th from 9am-4pm. Day camp with games, crafts, service projects, swimming, worship and more. \$10 per child. Contact Jen Nagel at 872-4650 or jnagel@discoversalem.com.

- **Minneapolis College of Art & Design (MCAD):** Summer programs for youth ages 5 – 18 years old. www.mcad.edu or call Jessica Zikri at 612-874-3765.

Other Ongoing Opportunities

- **Old Arizona:** FREE classes on Mondays through Thursdays for young women 13-18 years old. Snack time from 3-4pm followed by classes from 4-5:30pm in art, theater, hip hop dance and fashion design. Plus field trips! Open enrollment. 2821 Nicollet Ave S. Call Jen Chilstrom at 871-9099.
- **Walker Library:** Book clubs, events, story hours, crafts, performances and more. www.mpls.lib.mn.us/walker.asp 612-630-6650 2880 Hennepin Ave FREE!
- **Minneapolis Institute of Arts:** Various classes and workshops for youth from 4 to 16. Target Family Days are on the 2nd Sunday of the month from 11am-5pm and feature FREE performances, games and activities for families. www.artsmia.org
- **Children's Theatre Company:** Theatre Arts Training program for youth from preschool to high school. www.childrenstheatre.org/education or 612-874-0500
- **Bolder Options Mentoring Program:** Mentoring program that matches at-risk youth ages 10-14 with adult mentors who participate together in goal-centered, one-on-one relationships. Youth/mentor pairs run or bike, work on setting and achieving goals and also attend educational meetings, group activities, volunteer in their communities and work to strengthen the youth's academic achievement. Access to YMCA facilities plus case management and social work services. Call 612-379-BOLD info@bolderoptions.org

Save the date for these events!

- **Fallout Art Fest:** Saturday July 19th from noon to 10pm. On the 2600 block of Stevens Ave S and 2nd Ave S. This block party/art extravaganza is a free event featuring music, interactive art booths, food, art gallery, activities and more. All are welcome to stop by.
- **National Night Out:** Tuesday, August 5th is the 25th Annual NNO. This year's focus is on youth so make sure to include them in your block or building's event. The Whittier Alliance has grants available—contact Josie to find out more at 871-7756. The City's website has a lot of information to help you organize an event: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno/>
- **Peace Games:** August 7th in Fair Oaks Park across from the Mpls Institute of Arts.

