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MAYOR EMANUEL, CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT ANNOUNCE ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR FALL PROGRAMMING TO BEGIN AUGUST 15

Fall programs run from week of September 19 to week of November 21

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Chicago Park District General Superintendent and CEO Michael P. Kelly today announced that online registration for fall Park District programming begins on Monday, August 15.

"Softball league and swimming classes don't have to end with the summer season," said Mayor Emanuel. "With a variety of program offerings this fall, the Park District has something to meet the interests and needs of all residents, regardless of age, neighborhood or income level."

Chicagoans can now view fall programs online and create a wish list of preferred programs. Online registration for fall programming, including after-school care, will take place over two days and in two different zones.

Residents can register online at <u>here</u> for programs at parks located west of California Avenue beginning Monday, August 15 at 9 a.m. and Tuesday, August 16 at 9 a.m. for parks located east of California Avenue.

"The Chicago Park District is excited to offer patrons of all ages more than 6,500 opportunities to recreate, learn and remain active in our parks this fall," said General Superintendent and CEO of the Chicago Park District Michael Kelly. "From soccer and gymnastics to theater or ceramics, we invite children, adults and seniors to explore all of their interests at an affordable price and in a convenient location."

In-person registration begins either Saturday, Aug. 20 or Monday, Aug. 22 depending upon the park. To see when a particular park begins online and in-person registration, visit <u>www.chicagoparkdistrict.com</u>.

Fall programs run from the week of Sept. 19 to the week of Nov. 21, unless otherwise noted. The Park District works with residents to ensure that programming is affordable regardless of income level.

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For the first time, one of our most solicited programs will be offered in two different sessions to give park patrons more opportunities to participate in gymnastics. The additional session increases the number of slots available and allows participants to progress more efficiently in the popular sport.

Gymnastics Fall Session I: Online registration begins Monday, August 15 for parks west of California Ave. and Tuesday, August 16 for parks east of California Ave. Activities run the week of August 29 through the week of October 17.

Gymnastics Fall Session II: Online registration begins Tuesday, October 18. Activities run the week of October 31 through the week of December 12.

Given the popularity of programs, residents are encouraged to follow these registration tips:

Preparing for Registration Day

- Set up an account on the new registration system if you haven't already.
- Add all persons who you plan to register for on your account.
- Check your account login and password before registration begins.
- Review your account information and make changes as needed.
- Browse through the list of <u>fall programs</u>.
- Create a wish list with the programs that you plan to register.
- View the <u>registration process page</u> for more information.

For more information, visit <u>www.chicagoparkdistrict.com</u> or call 312-742-PLAY.

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The Chicago Park District is the 2014 Gold Medal Award winner, recognized for excellence in park and recreation management across the nation. For more information about the Chicago Park District's more than 8,300 acres of parkland, more than 585 parks, 26 miles of lakefront, 12 museums, two world-class conservatories, 16 historic lagoons, nearly 50 nature areas, thousands of special events, sports and entertaining programs, please visit<u>www.chicagoparkdistrict.com</u> or contact the Chicago Park District at 312/742.PLAY or 312/747.2001 (TTY). Want to share your talent? Volunteer in the parks by calling, 312/742.PLAY.