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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Anoka County Parks Announces July Programs

Don't let your summer slip away! There are five weekends in July; enjoy each and every one of them by attending one of the great outdoor programs offered by the Anoka County Parks and Recreation Department. Register online at www.anokacountyparks.com or by calling 651-429-8007.

Voyageur Canoe

Have you ever paddled a really "BIG" canoe? Here is your chance to paddle a 30-foot Thompson-style Voyageur canoe. A parks staff person will be your guide as we head out onto the Mississippi River. The Voyageur is a replica birch bark canoe used by fur traders 200 years ago. It is a large volume, extremely stable canoe that requires very little water to navigate, yet is very easy to paddle and maneuver. The Voyageur holds up to 15 paddlers. Pre-registration required. Register online at www.anokacountyparks.com or call 651-429-8007 for more information.

Fee: \$7/person for 2-hour paddle (OR) \$12/person for 4-hour paddle (plus tax)

Saturday, July 2, 12-2 p.m.

Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park, Coon Rapids

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Kayaking at Bunker Beach!

Here's a unique opportunity to learn kayaking basics at beautiful Bunker Beach Water Park. Instead of being in a kayak for the first time on a big lake or moving river, beginner kayakers will have a fun and safe time kayaking in the wave pool (while the waves are off!). This active, fun sport is easy to learn and is a wonderful way to spend time outdoors. Join us and be among the first people to kayak in the wave pool. Space is limited. Pre-registration required.

Fee: \$25/person (plus tax)

Tuesday, July 19, 9-10:30 a.m.

Bunker Beach Water Park: Bunker Hills Regional Park, Coon Rapids

Canoeing the Mississippi

Join us for our annual float down the Mississippi River. We will put in at Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park in Coon Rapids, stop at Manomin County Park in Fridley for lunch, and take out at Riverfront Regional Park in Fridley. This is a beautiful stretch of the Mississippi River that features abundant wildlife and easy paddling. We'll meet at the Coon Rapids Dam Visitor Center at 10 a.m. for car shuttling. Some paddling experience is required. Please bring a lunch and water. A limited number of rentals are available: canoes for \$20 and kayaks for \$15. Pre-registration is required.

Register online at www.anokacountyparks.com or for more information call 651-429-8007.

Fee: \$12/adult, \$7/child (ages 12 and under) (plus tax)

Sunday, July 24, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park, Coon Rapids

Introduction to Kayaking

The Anoka County Parks and Recreation Department is offering this popular introductory level kayaking class at a variety of locations around the county. We will use sea kayaks to learn the

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basics of kayaking as we explore the lakes around Wargo Nature Center and the Mississippi River at Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park. Space is limited, so sign up early. Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Register online at www.anokacountyparks.com or call 651-429-8007 for more information.

Fee: \$25/person (plus tax)

Rice Creek Chain of Lakes: Centerville Beach, Lino Lakes

Wednesday, July 13, 7-9 p.m.

Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park, Coon Rapids

Saturday, July 16, 12-2 p.m.

Advanced Kayaking: The next level!

This second level kayaking class is designed for people with some previous paddling experience. You will learn a variety of second level skills including wet exits and entries, draw and sweep strokes, bracing, and more. Reduce fatigue and increase your paddling enjoyment by improving your technique. Advanced kayaking classes will be held at Centerville Lake and Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park. Space is limited. Bring your own boat or we will provide one. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Register online at www.anokacountyparks.com or for more information call 651-429-8007.

Fee: \$25/person (plus tax)

Rice Creek Chain of Lakes: Centerville Beach, Lino Lakes

Tuesday, July 26, 6-8 p.m.

Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park, Coon Rapids

Saturday, July 30, 12-2 p.m. (OR) 2-4 p.m.

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Disc Golf

Come try out the newly completed course at Bunker Hills. This is an introduction to the equipment, rules, and style of play. All attendees will receive a disc to keep. Meet at parking lot #2. For more information call 612-209-5405. Pre-registration is required. Register online at www.anokacountyparks.com or for more information call 651-429-8007.

Fee: \$5/person (plus tax)

Saturday, July 16, 4-6 p.m.

Bunker Hills Regional Park, Coon Rapids

Nature's Night Life Camp

(For Campers Ages 4 and 5 at Time of Registration)

Spend the week learning about what happens in nature after we go to bed! We will learn about the creatures of the night, the night sky, and even “camp out” one day. Bring your flashlight for story time! Pre-registration is required. Register online at www.anokacountyparks.com or for more information call 651-429-8007.

July 18-21, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Wargo Nature Center, Lino Lakes

Fee: \$80/person

Tom and Huck Camp

(For Campers Finishing Grades K-2)

Jump on your log raft because we're off to explore the Mississippi River with Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn. This week will be full of adventure as we search for hidden treasure, fish on the banks of the river, and play in the woods. Pre-registration is required. Register online at www.anokacountyparks.com or for more information call 651-429-8007.

July 18-21, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (OR) 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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Riedel Farm Estate, Fridley

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Regular Hours Fee: \$110 (9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.)

Extended Hours Fee: \$120 (7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.)

Canoe Camp

(For Campers Finishing Grades 3-5)

Join us for three days of fun and adventure on the water. Campers will become skilled canoeists after learning a variety of paddling strokes, maneuvering techniques, boat safety, and navigation techniques. We'll spend our days exploring the Rice Creek Chain of Lakes by playing games and learning how to paddle. Dip, dip, and swing it back! Pre-registration is required. Register online at www.anokacountyparks.com or for more information call 651-429-8007.

July 26-28, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Wargo Nature Center, Lino Lakes

Fee: \$135/person

Campfire Talks

Join a naturalist for campfire talks at the Bunker Hills Regional Park and Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Campgrounds. Programs are on Saturday evenings and begin at 7 p.m. and include a roaring campfire, interactive activities, and presentations enjoyable for the whole family. Best of all, the programs are FREE! Meet behind the Bunker Hills Campground Visitor Center or the Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Campground amphitheater.

Bunker Hills Regional Park, Coon Rapids

Saturday, July 16, 7 p.m. - Dragonflies and Butterflies

Saturday, July 30, 7 p.m. - Owls and Hawks

Rice Creek Chain of Lakes, Lino Lakes

Saturday, July 9, 7 p.m. - Butterflies

Saturday, July 23, 7 p.m. - Birds and Hike

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Women's Outdoor Adventure Series: Birding

July gives birders the opportunity to find both adult and juvenile birds. We will take a leisurely walk in Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Regional Park. Class is appropriate for women ages 15 years and older. Pre-registration is required. Register online at www.anokacountyparks.com or call 651-429-8007 for more information.

Sunday, July 17, 2-4 p.m.

Rice Creek Chain of Lakes Visitor Center, Centerville

Fee: \$15/person (plus tax)

Women's Kayak Overnight on the Rum River

This trip will include two days of paddling and one overnight camping trip. We will begin the trip at Rum River South County Park in Anoka at noon Friday, shuttle to Rum River North in St. Francis, kayak the day, camp at Rum River Central canoe campsite in Ramsey, and travel to Rum River South for take-out at 4 p.m. Saturday. This program is in cooperation with the Becoming an Outdoors Woman program. Some kayaking experience required. Fees include paddles, kayaks, life jackets, Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, and Saturday lunch. (Doesn't include Friday lunch.) Pre-registration is required. Register online at www.anokacountyparks.com or call 651-429-8007 for more information.

Friday, July 15 and Saturday, July 16 (Friday 12 noon until 4 p.m. Saturday)

Rum River South County Park, Anoka

Fee: \$65/person (plus tax)

Bird Walk Series

Join an experienced birder as he guides you through Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park in Coon Rapids. Enjoy seeing and/or hearing 30-60 species of birds on each walk. A checklist of Minnesota

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birds and a map of the area will be provided. All ages and birding abilities are welcome. For more information, please call 612-209-5405. Pre-registration is required. Register online at www.anokacountyparks.com.

Fee: \$5/person (plus tax)

Saturday, July 2, 8-10 a.m.

Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park, Coon Rapids

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Youngsters line up for their chance to paddle the 30-foot Voyageur canoe.

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