

July 2025 Recreation Services Summary

Attendance/Program Summary:

Parks and Recreation Participants broken down as follows:

- 1,785 Zionsville Nature Center walk-ins
- 771 Zionsville Nature Center impromptu program attendance
- 52 Attended private group programs this month.
 - July 2 – Day Fellowship Daycare – 15 @ Zion Nature Sanctuary
 - July 7 – Weston School – 30 @ ZNC
 - July 16 – Preschool Program – 7 @ ZNC
- 1,255 Attended public programs, distributed as follows:
 - 517 Attended Nature Center Programs
 - July 1 – PEEPs Camp – 17 @ ZNC
 - July 1 – Wilderness Adventure Camp - 18 @ Overlay-Worman Park
 - July 2 – Wilderness Adventure Camp - 18 @ Elm Street Green
 - July 3 – Loose Parts Play – 21 @ ZNC
 - July 5 – Meet the Animals – 15 @ ZNC
 - July 8 – Stinky, Slimy and Gross Camp – 20 @ ZNC
 - July 9 – Pokemon Camp – 18 @ Overlay-Worman Park
 - July 10 – Animal Olympics Camp – 21 @ ZNC
 - July 11 – Grandparent and Me Camp – 31 @ Zion Nature Sanctuary
 - July 11 – Animal Adventures: Creek Creatures - 19 @ Library
 - July 12 – Dragonfly Discovery – cancelled due to low registration
 - July 14 – Nature Navigators Camp – 18 @ ZNC
 - July 15 – Nature Navigators Camp – 21 @ ZNC
 - July 15 – Snakes of Indiana – 21 @ ZNC
 - July 16 – Nature Navigators Camp – 20 @ ZNC
 - July 17 – Nature Navigators Camp – 19 @ ZNC
 - July 18 – Nature Navigators Camp – 19 @ Elm Street Green
 - July 19 – Discover Your Backyard: Reptiles - 12 @ Zion Nature Sanctuary
 - July 21 – Backyard Explorers Camp – 21 @ ZNC
 - July 22 - Backyard Explorers Camp – 21 @ ZNC
 - July 23 - Backyard Explorers Camp – 20 @ ZNC
 - July 24 - Backyard Explorers Camp – 20 @ ZNC
 - July 24 – Build Your Own Birdhouse Workshop – 13 @ ZNC
 - July 25 – Backyard Explorers Camp – 20 @ ZNC
 - July 26 – Drop-in Discovery: Insects – 13 @ ZNC
 - July 29 – Wet and Wild Camp – 17 @ Overlay-Worman Park
 - July 30 – Great Bug Hunt – 26 @ Elm Street Green
 - July 31 – Animal Helpers Camp - 18 @ ZNC
 - 344 Attended Outdoor Recreation and Outreach Programs
 - July 2 – Pickleball Camp – 12 @ Mulberry Fields Park
 - July 9 – Park and PLAY – Cancelled
 - July 9 – Introduction to Pickleball – 11 @ Mulberry Fields Park
 - July 11 – Park and PLAY – 4 @ Starkey Nature Park
 - July 11 – Sirens and Suds – 44 @ Station 92
 - July 12 – Park and PLAY– 206 @ Farmer’s Market
 - July 16 – Park and PLAY – 6 @ Mulberry Fields
 - July 17 – Park and PLAY – 11 @ Stonegate HOA
 - July 23 – Park and PLAY – 33 @ Overlay-Worman Park
 - July 23 – Introduction to Pickleball – 5 @ Mulberry Fields Park
 - July 30 – Art Adventure Camp – 12 @ Mulberry Fields Park



- 394 Attended Special Events
 - July 25 – Mom Prom – 34 @ Zionsville COhatch
 - July 31 – Touch a Truck – 360 @ Zionsville Library

Additional Information:

- First ever Mom Prom was held Friday, July 25 with a 90s theme. There was a charcuterie bar, mocktails, DJ, photo booth, and alcoholic beverages available for purchase. The charm bracelet making, free gifts, a candy bar with 90s themed treats and temporary tattoos. While the event did not raise the funds we had hoped for, we were able to cover our costs and all participants had a blast. We even crowned a prom queen.
- Fall IMN Class, which was to be held on Friday mornings August – October has been cancelled due to low enrollment. There have been challenges in getting classes marketed and on the official IMN website (operated by DNR). Our next class will return to weekday evenings this winter. We are finalizing those dates now in the hopes that they are advertised with the state.
- Parks Recreation and Naturalist staff will once again be in the Fall Festival Parade with the Creekstomper. This year's Fall Festival theme is Toon Town, and we will be supporting nature education with Wild Kratts.
- Fall Active by Nature Activity Guide released week of August 11
- Creek Week is August 11 – 16, with the annual creek cleanup happening Saturday, August 16
- Last day to purchase an engraved brick is September 14
- Love for Lincoln Pull a Brick volunteer day is Saturday, September 13 from 1 – 3 pm.
- Received a donation of \$450 from Girl Scout Troop 3757 for the Zionsville Nature Center. This is the remainder of the funds they raised for the new gray rat snake exhibit
- Received a donation of \$420 for the Zionsville Nature Center in Honor of Monica Condon, a third-grade Eagle Elementary teacher who retired at the end of last school year.
- July Zionsville Nature Center Scavenger Hunt had 218 participants

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