City of Benson
City Council Communication

Regular Meeting **June 8, 2015**

To: Mayor and Council Agenda Item # 5

From: William Stephens, City Manager

Subject:

Discussion and possible action regarding the financial request from the San Pedro Valley Alliance Summer Programs

Discussion:

Attached is a request from the San Pedro Valley Alliance to receive funding from the City. Historically, the San Pedro Valley Alliance in conjunction with various Governor's Office programs and the City, has provided recreation activities for our youth, mainly with trips to movies, water parks, museums and other recreational facilities.

The San Pedro Valley Alliance has been funded, at least in part, by the City in amounts of $3,000-$5,000 per year. For the last several years, the budget included a specific line item for them with a budgeted amount of $4,000, however, funding was removed from the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget. At this time, the San Pedro Valley Alliance is requesting funding from the City to help with their 2015 summer activities.

Staff Recommendation:

Council pleasure

SAN PEDRO VALLEY ALLIANCE

Non Profit Group

May 6, 2015

Dear Mr. Stephens,

Thank you for all of the support the city has given the San Pedro Valley Alliance over the past 20+ years. We have provided summer programs for the city's children with the money you have given us. They have gone to see the Copper Queen Mine in Bisbee, Flandrau Planetarium, Pima Space Museum and the Childrens Museum in Tucson. They have also been able to have fun times at Breakers, Golf and Stuff and Funtastics and the Cove in Sierra Vista and had many other fun opportunities because of your support.

We know that because the city has contributed to these opportunities we have been able to affect the learning and joy of hundreds of children over the past 20+ summers. Many of these children would not have had these opportunities without your help.

We also realize that the city is struggling at this time but hope that you will help us with whatever you can. We had hoped for the usual $5000 dollars which would help the alliance to have another successful summer program but would be grateful for whatever the city could see fit to contribute to the program.

The Benson School District has given us their full support of this summer's activities providing drivers and buses for the events as well as receiving parental calls at the District Office. We hope you will be able to help us with any monies that you feel you could contribute.

Vicki Vivian has a copy of this year's tentative program if you would like to see it.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Thomas 686-1994, Coordinator

Nona Hansen 686-2202

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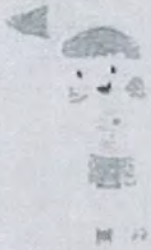
Shannon Sherman

Betty Williamson Retired

Coordinator Emeritus

SAN PEDRO VALLEY ALLIANCE
SUMMER TRIP SCHEDULE
2015



DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	TIME	FEE	AGES
June 18th -Thursday	Pump It Up	Tucson	8:00-12:30	$10	Grades K-5th
	Jumping castles and slides, must be 3 foot tall or more; 1 ½ hours of jumping				
June 23rd -Tuesday	Skate Country	Tucson	12:00-5:00	$5	Grades K-8th
	Skate Rental –3 hours of Roller Skating –may bring own skates –Snack bar available!				
June 25th -Thursday	Golf N Stuff	Tucson	8:45-3:00	$20	Grades 5-10th
	3 hours of golf, Indy Cars, Bumper Boats, Laser Tag –Video Games Available –Burger and Soda for lunch				
June30th –Tuesday	Reid Park Zoo	Tucson	8:00-1:00	$10	Grades PreK-6th
	Admission and lunch				
July 2nd –Thursday	Movie (TBA)	Sierra Vista	11:00-4:00	$5	Grades 3rd-8th
	Admission to Movies; Lunch or/& Snacks on Own				
July 7th –Tuesday	The Cove	Sierra Vista	12:00-5:15	$5	Grades 5-12th
	3 hours at Water Park –Student must know how to swim! Snack Bar Available				
July 9th –Thursday	International Wildlife Museum	Tucson	9:00-1:30	$10	Grades K-6th
	Admission to museum and Lunch				
July 14th –Tuesday	Flandrau Planetarium	Tucson	9:00-2:30	$5	Grades 5th-8th
	Tour and light show; Lunch on own				
July 16th –Thursday	Air Time Jump Center	Tucson	9:00-2:30	$10	Grades 5-10th
	Must pre sign their waiver and have Nonskid Socks or buy them there -$1; Lunch on own				

You must sign up for the trip by calling Amy at the district office---720-6809. Bus may fill up, so call ahead and pay to hold your spot. Times listed are departure times from the school parking lot.

You may p ck up the summer trip permission form at the Benson School Offices or at City Hall

Completion of this form will allow the student to attend all age appropriate trips.