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## Rockford Park District Awards Recreation Partner Grants Thursday, April 23 at 3pm

**ROCKFORD IL** – On **Thursday, April 23 at 3:00 p.m.**, the Rockford Park District will present grants totaling nearly \$58,000 to 26 local organizations to offer new and/or expanded recreation programming in the coming year. The presentations will occur in the Board Room of the Webbs Norman Center at 401 S. Main St., Rockford.

Since 1993, the Rockford Park District has partnered with many local agencies, organizations, and recreation service providers to create and offer quality recreation opportunities to people of all ages in our community.

### Four types of grants are provided:

#### 1) *Hot Nights ... Summer in the City* - For ages 13-19 (exclusively)

- Financial support (for implementation of age appropriate, teen appealing recreation programs only)
- Vouchers for field trips to Rockford Park District facilities to enhance recreation programs and teach lifelong recreation skills

#### 2) *Investment in Our Youth* - For youth ages 5-17

- Vouchers for field trips to Rockford Park District facilities and activities are provided to programs whose primary purpose is to promote recreation **or** by programs incorporating leisure and recreation to enhance other prevention and/or intervention, age appropriate services offered

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#### **4) Rec Connection** - For expanded recreation opportunities for adults with all types of disabilities

Granting funds allows the Park District to serve more neighborhood-based offerings with existing facilities at a fraction of the cost of providing direct services at multiple locations. According to John Beck, Events and Recreation Projects Manager, "The Rockford Park District recognizes and values the ability of community organizations to create and offer quality recreation opportunities to people of all ages in our community. We are committed to incorporating recreation programming into existing services to promote youth development and violence prevention, promote strong neighborhoods, and benefit people of all abilities and needs. We know we can't do it alone, and the partners can't, either. Working together, we can make a real impact."

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