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MAYOR EMANUEL, CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT ANNOUNCE SPACES STILL AVAILABLE FOR LATE AND SPECIALTY SUMMER CAMPS

More than 1,800 spaces open for summer camps starting on or after August 10

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the Chicago Park District today announced that more than 1,800 spaces are still available in the Park District's late and specialty summer camps. Late and specialty camps begin Monday, August 10 or Monday, August 17.

"Summer isn't over yet, and Chicago kids still have the opportunity to enroll in late and specialty summer camp programs in their neighborhood parks," said Mayor Emanuel. "Park District camps provide a variety of ways for kids to keep active, master new skills and continue to learn outside of the classroom."

Programs with available spaces include adventure camps featuring archery, fishing and kayaking; cheerleading; cultural activities; boxing; adventure; football; camps dedicated to children with disabilities and countless others. Camps range in price, and no child will be turned away for inability to pay when space is available.

"Late and specialty camps give children the opportunity to go beyond the traditional six week summer camp, offering recreation into the late weeks of summer," said Chicago Park District General Superintendent and CEO Michael Kelly.

Specialty and late camps can be viewed online at <u>www.chicagoparkdistrict.com</u>. Registration can be done in-person at your local park or online.

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

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District's more than 8,300 acres of parkland, 585 parks, 26 miles of lakefront, 12 museums, two world-class conservatories, 16 historic lagoons, 10 bird and wildlife gardens, 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.