

## Bay View Sailing

Sailing lessons take place 2-4 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Bay View waterfront. Sign up for lessons in the boat-house at 1:45 p.m. on Mondays. All skill levels meet together, but each individual has an individual skill sheet to track their progress with experienced instructors. Each student learns to sail a sunfish sailboat. Examples of skills include coming about (changing boat direction), tying knots; more advanced skills include racing tactics and methods for sailing larger boats.

## What Happens at the Bay View Tennis Courts Every Afternoon?

It has become a Bay View phenomenon! Just about 12:20 p.m., Sunset Park and the crosswalk bridge begin to fill with kids. If you'll notice, many of these children have a tennis racket, swinging freely at their side, strapped to their back, or tucked in their beach bag. They are headed to the Bay View tennis courts where the afternoon junior tennis program will offer eight weeks of lessons, activities and inter-club matches.

Group lessons, offered in a series of levels, are available in one-hour blocks throughout the weekday afternoons according to the following schedule: Level 1, 12:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; Level 2, 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday; Level 3, 12:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; Level 4, 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; Junior Development, 3-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Private lessons with either the Bay View Tennis Director and Pro, Marv Kiesewetter, or one of his lead tennis assistants, are also available. Another instructional program available to youth is Junior Development. This program is geared for the competitive player and try-outs will be announced.

Another exciting part of the afternoon junior tennis program is the inter-club matches. These matches give the players an opportunity to play against youth in other tennis programs, learn about match play, keep score, and further develop their sportsmanship. These matches are typically scheduled for Thursday afternoons, with opportunities for both home and away matches.

Each year the junior tennis program also hosts a junior tennis tournament. This tournament offers both a singles



and doubles division for both boys and girls in various age brackets. The tournament will be held July 12-16 and is an event that the young players look forward to every year.

Finally, Friday afternoons give the staff an opportunity to reward players for their participation, hard work and skill development. The Friday Raffle is a popular event that draws a crowd to the tennis bleachers. Because of the generous support of others, the tennis program is thrilled to be able to give away prizes in the raffle drawing every Friday.

## Bay View Swimming

Each summer, hundreds of campers participate in the Bay View Swimming program at the Bay View waterfront. American Red Cross-trained lifeguards and Water Safety Instructors (WSI) teach the American Red Cross Learn to Swim Program, which includes six levels of water safety and skill development. This is an inclusive program with Boys' and Girls' Club registration. The Red Cross has developed its program over the last 60 years and it is considered the standard in swimming education.

Lessons take place in two 30-minute sessions: levels 1, 3 and 5 take place from 1:15 - 1:45 p.m. Monday through Friday, and levels 2, 4 and 6 meet from 2 - 2:30 p.m. Objective assessment of youth skill level is done by the swimming director based on Red Cross standards. More detailed information regarding swimming level prerequisites and objectives is available from the swimming director.

Levels 1 & 2 are in the pool. The pool is 1.5 feet to 3.5 feet and is designated for youths under age 8. Levels 3 - 6 are held in Lake Michigan. The pool and Lake Michigan waterfront are guarded from noon-5 p.m., Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

On rainy days there is free play at Swift Field from 1-3 pm. Call the waterfront director with any questions on rainy days, 347-3626.

## Details on What's New in 2009

- Sailing potluck: Back by popular demand. Sailing and Bay View boat enthusiasts are encouraged to attend a potluck - sloppy joes provided for main entree. Bring a small dish to share, 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 27, at the Rec Club.

- Thursday Movie Nights: Come to the **waterfront beach** to enjoy a family-friendly movie in the great outdoors. This weekly event will take place from 9:45-11:30 p.m. with free popcorn available and pop for \$1. (Look for movie posting on Rec Club door.)



## The Recreation Club

Junior high, high school and college students are invited to join the Recreation Club at the Bay View Beach. "The Rec" offers music, video games, board games, cards, ping pong, foosball, billiards, darts, free weights, snacks, and a fun, supervised place to be with friends.

Weekly activities include Tuesday night movies with free popcorn, tournaments with pizza, dances, scavenger hunts, food specials, murder mystery night, concerts, bonfires with s'mores, and family nights. Check for events posted at the Rec Club, post office, Boys' and Girls' Club, and in The Town Crier.

The Rec Club is open for youth 12 and older from 1-5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Evening hours for youth 13 and older are 8-11 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; and 8:30 p.m.-midnight Friday and Saturday. After 10 p.m., only youth 16 and older are permitted, except on Thursday family movies nights. The Rec Club is closed all day Sunday and Monday nights.

Membership fees are \$10/week, \$30/summer for Bay View Association members, and \$15/week, \$75/summer for non-members. Membership is free for all Boys' and Girls' Club Staff. **Each summer youth should sign up and pay with the Director of the Boys' and Girls' Club before using the Rec Club facilities.**

## Telephone Directory

Recreation Director Renée Allen (10 a.m.-2 p.m.)	838-0060
Waterfront, Rec Club	347-3626
Boys' & Girls' Club Director Nancy Kirby (10 a.m.-1 p.m.)	838-0060
Waterfront Directors Wally Crocket, Burt Arkinson and John Doerr	347-3626
Rec Club Director Julie Atkinson	347-3626
Swim & Program Director Mario Antonioni	347-3626
Tot Lot Director Polly Alexander	347-6746



# Recreational Opportunities for Youth

**Our Motto: Fun, recreation and growth for all!**

## What's new in 2009:

(Updates or changes will be listed on signs at the Bay View Post Office)

- Kids' Bike and personal safety class, 6-7 p.m. Monday, June 29, B&G Camp Circle
- Youth Drumming Circle, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Swift Field (drum provided)
- Kayak Rentals at the Waterfront
- Outdoor Thursday Night Family Movies at Rec Club
- Sailing Potluck and Boat Tune-up June 27
- Amazing Clark Magic Show July 6 for Bears and Squirrels at 10:05 a.m. Camp Circle; for Fawns at 10:50 a.m.
- Horse-drawn Hayrides for Families through Bay View during July 27 Hot Dog Roast, 6-8 p.m.
- BV Jazz Quartet & vocalists, Swift Field during July 20 Hot Dog Roast, 6:15-7 p.m.
- SEE-North Nature Program after Hot Dog Roast, 7 p.m. July 13, B&G Camp Circle

**Renée M. Allen, Director of Recreation**

## Boys' and Girls' Club

The proud heritage of the Boys' and Girls' Club spans many generations. The current vision of the recreation program is to foster safe, creative kids play, lasting memories and to help build strong character for our leaders of tomorrow. Supervised free play, from 9:30-10 a.m., begins each club day. Various activities are available for camper participation; choices include tether ball, soccer, table games and more. An exceptional arts and crafts program is available, including early birds at 9:30 a.m. A 10 a.m. flag raising signals the beginning of club organized activity. Counselor-supervised individual group activities follow until 11:30 a.m.

There is no supervision of children beyond scheduled activities. Please ensure timely pickup of your camper or arrange for their timely departure from club. Register your child for Boys' and Girls' Club activities at 9:30 a.m. on Mondays at Swift Field. For all other activities, register at site of play (tennis, sailing, etc.). Daily rates are \$15 for members and \$23 for non-members; weekly, \$75 for members and \$115 non-members; and seasonal, \$375 members and \$575 non-members.

## Friday Events

Friday events at the Boys' and Girls' Club have been designed to provide an opportunity for campers to interact with all age groups during the Boys' and Girls' Club time (9:30-11:30 a.m.). Young campers in particular enjoy the opportunity to interact with the older role models.

## Capture the Flag - June 26

Two teams gather in the Bay View Woods to find the "hidden" flag and bring it home to team territory. Dress for an activity in the woods. Leaders will assign a color for your child to wear on event day.

## Gold Mine - July 3

There's gold in them there hills . . . The Bay View Woods becomes home to a treasure hunt for gold, and trivia buffs will have the upper hand in this game. Dress for woods play.

## Fourth of July

Boathouse remains open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, July 4. The beach is guarded 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

## Civil War - July 10

This Bay View favorite involves an adventure into the Bay View Woods. Flour bombs fly between the Blue and the Grey. Leaders will notify campers of their tee shirt color (blue or grey) and will provide directions for making the flour and kleenex "artillery" prior to event day. We ask you to "limit" artillery to 20 flour bombs per child.

## Parent's Day - July 17

Parent's Day offers parents an opportunity to join their child and experience, hands on, a day at the club. Parents dress to participate and have fun partaking in numerous events with their kids.

This day is designed so that parents can experience what goes on at the club and how their children spend their time on a day-to-day basis. There are two mini sessions of club activities, so if a parent has more than one child in a club he/she may rotate between groups.

Bring bottled water for your family.

## Ernie Gray Olympics - July 24

Olympics take place on the fifth Friday of the summer recreation season.

On this day, swimming lessons take place at 10:15 a.m. for levels 1, 3 and 5; and 10:45 a.m. for levels 2, 4 and 6. Olympics start at 1 p.m. at Swift Field.



Some years Club records for events are broken. An award for the top performer, by Club group, is given at the end of the day. To be eligible to win the plaque, campers must be in attendance one

week prior to Olympic week.

Modeled after the World Olympics, this field event starts with a flag raising ceremony, a ceremonial lap around the field with runners bearing a torch, music and healthy competition in a variety of events.

The Olympics are named in honor of Ernie Gray, recreation director from 1930 to 1978. Gray started the Boys' and Girls' Club. During his tenure the program grew to include ages 3 and 4 (Tot Lot) all the way to teenage years at the "Rec." Loved by the community, he coined the motto and lived the spirit of "Fun and Recreation for All."

Shouts of joy and encouragement can be heard for blocks. That is the legacy of Ernie Gray. The Olympics foster good sportsmanship and club-wide camaraderie. Ribbons for first to fifth place in all events are awarded by group.

All families are encouraged to participate, and always turn out in record numbers. Please bring a water bottle for your child as the middle of summer can be hot and humid.

## Carnival Activity - July 31

Carnival is for campers of all ages. This Friday event is for creative play, traditional games and special activities like the Slip and Slide. Yummy treats of cotton candy and snow cones are available for a small fee. Campers should bring their coins and dollar bills for participation in the events, games range from 10 cents to 25 cents. Hot dogs are available for 75 cents. This is a Recreation Department event for Tot Lot, Fawns, and Boys' and Girls' Club, and family participation is encouraged.

## Water Fun Day - Aug 7. a.m.

Water Fun Day takes place the morning of the Awards picnic. The goal of Water Fun Day is to allow swimming students to utilize their swimming skills in a fun and recreational manner. Under the supervision of instructors and lifeguards, the fun includes various water games, surface diving for pop cans, a greased watermelon relay and prizes for all students to enjoy. Children will meet at their regular lesson time with their instructors.

## Awards Picnic - Aug. 7 p.m.

On the Friday of the seventh week of club, all campers with family and friends gather at the waterfront for the annual awards ceremony. The picnic begins at noon. Lunch is available for a nominal fee; many families bring picnic baskets from home. The recreation staff selects campers for each award ranging from crafts to sailing to tennis to Camper of the Year. Campers are thrilled to win an award and encouraging cheers are heard by all. Swim lessons are held in the morning: 10:15 a.m. for levels 1, 3 and 5; and 10:45 a.m. for levels 2, 4 and 6.



## Leader Games - Aug. 14

Come enjoy a surprise event at the Boys' and Girls' Club. Staff will offer campers a memorable send off for a happy and healthy year away from Bay View.

## Photo Opportunity - July 8-9

Photo dates will be Wednesday and Thursday, July 8-9. Location will be the Boys' and Girls' Club. If by chance we have a rainy day, the makeup time will come home with your child by letter. Professional photographer Mark Parker will take photos. The photo will have a nice sleeve around it that says Bay View Recreation 2009. Cost of each photo is \$10. Checks can be made payable to Parker Photography. Please have your child give the money payment to his or her leader before the photo is taken. Mark Parker is making a 20 percent donation back to the Recreation Department from the picture sales.

## Bake Sale

Each Boys' and Girls' Club group hosts a bake sale as a fundraiser for special day trip activities. Please show your support to this summer time favorite by creating these goodies when requested by the leaders. You may purchase these items at Monday night Hot Dog Roasts.

## Day Trips

Most groups at the Boys' and Girls' Club have an age-appropriate day trip that leaves Club in the morning and returns the same morning or the same day. Some day trips are tubing, touring Mackinac Island, and kayaking. These trips frequently involve the need for extra money for each camper; details will be sent home by the counselor in advance.

Drivers and chaperones are always needed for these events, so please make yourself available for these fun trips. Volunteer drivers need to check in advance with the Director of the Boys' and Girls' Club to learn about the Bay View Transportation Policy. All drivers must provide a photocopy of his or her drivers license to the Director of the Boys' and Girls' Club.

## Hot Dog Roasts

A summertime favorite. Still the best deal in town - two hot dogs and a pop for only \$3. Open to all ages, 6 p.m. Mondays in June and July at Swift Field. Children's activities follow until 7:15 p.m.

Special events this year:

- See what's inside a fire truck during a bike and personal safety class, 6-7 p.m. June 29, at B&G Camp Circle.
- Allison Falldin of SEE-North will present a nature program about "Owls" at 7 p.m. Monday, July 13. The program includes two live owls and a non-owl raptor to compare and contrast the unique features of owls with those of other raptors. Students will also learn about owls' natural behavior and other mysteries surrounding these creatures.

• On Monday, July 27, a horse-drawn wagon (holding 30 passengers per trip) will give free family rides through Bay View (6-8 p.m.). Meet outside the Boys' and Girls' Club.

## Movie Night

Family friendly movies, 7:30 p.m. Mondays in Hall Auditorium. Thursday night family movies outside at the waterfront, 9:45 p.m. Check sign posting for the week's movie.

## Bay View Shirt Shop

**New Saturday hours June 28-Aug. 8, 9-11 a.m.**

Located at Swift Field in the Boys' and Girls' Club building, the Shirt Shop features T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats and other items. Open 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday and during Monday evening hot dog roasts, the shop serves as the primary fundraiser for the Recreation Department. Come get your Bay View gear to sport and support the recreation department.