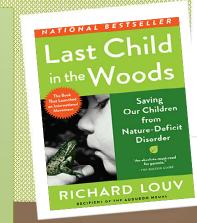
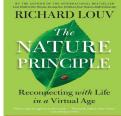


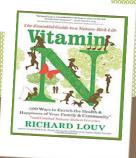
Summer Camp > Youth - Ages 6-12 Teens - Ages 13-16 > Monday - Friday Times: 9 am to 1 pm > Scholarships Offered to Eligible Clients to Attend at NO COST > Pricing: Youth - \$40 a week or FREE!! Teens - \$20 a week or FREE!! > Eligibility Requirements: Income Limits, Eligibility Form, Proof of Income, Reside within City Limits > Approach to Service: Structured and Unstructured Recreational and Educational Activities

Nature Deficit Disorder (NDD)

- Societal disconnect with nature is affecting today's children
- ➤ Less Time Spent Outdoors = Emotional & Physical Issues
- ➤ Obesity, Depression, Attention Difficulties
- ➤ Shift from the Countryside to Cities
- ➤ Shift from Outdoors to Indoors 7.5 hrs./day on electronics
- > Feeling Alienated from Nature
- ➤ Vulnerable to Negative Moods & Reduced Attention Span
- > Children become Less Observant = Diminished Use of Senses
- ➤ Direct & Spontaneous Contact w/Nature is Vanishing
- > Time Spent in Nature Essential to Balanced Psychological & Physical Development







Outcomes



- ➤ **Objective**: Improve quality of life during summer months by attending a summer camp program
- ➤ **Goal**: Provide opportunities for personal development and to connect with nature and the outdoor environment
- ➤ **Natural Environment**: Unique opportunities for engagement, risk taking, creativity, mastery & control, strengthens one's sense of self, inspires sense of wonder, lowers levels of hyperactivity and impulsivity
- > Experiences in nature early in their lives establish a lifelong connection with their environment

Program Elements

Our programs establish a strong foundation in a non-competitive, supportive environment.

Physical Activity

- Fear of Ridicule or Not Knowing How
- > Addresses Barriers to Play
- ➤ Teach Skills needed to play with Confidence and Ability
- > Safe Environment to Learn and Practice
- ► Improved Skills-Boosts Self-
- More Enthusiastic & Willingness to Participate
- > Sportsmanship
- > Teamwork

Arts and Crafts

- Variety of Supplies
- Create Simple Fun Projects
- Develop Dexterity, Hand-Eye Coordination
- Innovation and Creativity
- Self Expression
- Boosts Self Esteem
- Socialization Skills
- Relieves Stress
- **Decision Making Skills**

Games

- > Follow the Rules of the Game
- ➤ Taking Turns
- Using Strategies
- > Communication Skills
- ➤ Social Skills/Make Friends
- Learning to Win/Loose Graciously

Strategic Goal 3.2: Connecting people to city-wide programs that improve their QOL

- > Environmental Education
- ➤ Field Trips and Presentations
- > Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
- Decrease Energy and Water Use to Lower Household **Energy Costs**
- Increase Awareness of Conservation and Sustainability
- Future Stewards of Our Natural Environments

Alignment

Strategic Goal 4: Enhance QOL through Recreational, Cultural, and Educational Environments

- ➤ Variety of Sports, Games, Art
- > Fun and Enjoyable
- ➤ Be Active, Creative, Make New Friends
- > Recycled Art Projects
- > Talent Show
- Field Trips Educational/Fun
- ➤ Guest Speakers Informative/Interactive

Strategic Goal 8: Nurture and Promote a Healthy. Sustainable Community

- ➤ Nurture Families- offer working parents a positive alternative to leaving kids home alone and unsupervised during summer months
- Safe, engaging place to go with caring adults exposed to positive influences









Recreation Centers city-wide



THE BEAST RECREATION CENTER

- > The Beast Recreation Center: 13501 Jason Crandall (38)
- ➤ Chamizal Recreation Center: 2119 Cypress Ave (05)
- > Don Haskins Recreation Center: 7400 High Ridge Rd (12)
- > Gary Del Palacio Recreation Center: 3001 Parkwood Dr.
- ➤ Marty Robbins Recreation Center: 11620 Vista del Sol (35)
- > Wayne Thornton at Grandview Rec Center: 3134 Jefferson (30)
- > Sylvia Carreon Recreation Center: 709 Lomita Dr (07)
- ➤ Veterans Recreation Center: 5301 Salem Dr. (24)



And our summer adventure begins at Club Rec Summer Camp......