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TO: Playground Cadet Counselor Candidates & Parents

RE: 2020 Cadet Counselor Program at Summer Playground

FR: Jessica Tyagi, Recreation Program Coordinator

With Summer Playground just around the corner, Department staff and Playground Counselors are working together to further develop and change the Cadet Counselor Program which began in 2011. The Cadet Counselor Program provides a leadership opportunity for students in 7th or 8th grade (grade in 2019/20 school year), as well as those with special needs who no longer meet the age requirements. Cadets will gain valuable experience in leadership, responsibility, mentoring and other life skills. The Cadets have assisted with many aspects of the Playground program and in many cases provided much needed individualized attention to our younger participants. Cadet Counselors are an important part of Summer Fun Playground!

2020 Cadet Counselor Program – At a glance

- Participate in training opportunities prior to the start of Playground. Dates to be announced.
- Meet with Supervisor, 10:00 am (SHARP!) to set daily goals and activities with other Cadet Counselors.
- Partner with special needs Cadet Counselors to help them reach and document their daily goals.
- Provide individual assistance to K–6th grade playground participants with special needs.
- Help design, plan and lead activities/projects with other Cadet Counselors.
- Provide leadership for a community service project.
- Be a buddy to a student who is new to the program to help them make connections with other students.
- Assist Playground Counselors as needed.
- Document goals accomplished. Self-evaluation & supervisor evaluation.

Cadet Counselors will be able to attend Playground at a reduced cost (\$25 per week). **Cadets must be registered for each week by the Friday prior to the week attending by calling or coming into the office.** A late fee will be given to cadets registered after Friday at 5pm.

A group interview/meeting will be held for all accepted Cadets and parents on Thursday, May 21 at the Recreation Department. If your student is interested in becoming a Cadet Counselor for the 2020 Playground Program, they should complete the attached application which must be submitted by May 22nd. A limited number of students will be accepted. You must be able to commit to at least 8 weeks of Playground.

Thursday, May 21, 6:00pm

Cadet and Parent Meeting, Recreation Department training room (2nd floor)

- Overview of the Program
- Meet Cadet Supervisor
- Expectations of Cadets
- Comments & Questions

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me at (269)781-5166 or jttyagi@cityofmarshall.com

2020 Summer FUN Playground – Cadet Counselor Application

Name _____ Grade (completed June 2020) ____ Parent(s) _____

Address _____

Best way to contact you: Phone _____

Email _____

- Describe the best example of how you would be a benefit to the Summer FUN Playground Program as a Cadet Counselor.
- Give an example of an activity or project you feel you could help design, plan and lead at Summer FUN Playground.
- List (3) clubs, sports, hobbies or other extracurricular activities in which you participate.
- What do you hope to gain from an experience as a Cadet Counselor this summer?
- Please list below the weeks you are NOT AVAILABLE. The 2020 Playground Program site is Hughes School. Attendance would be expected Monday – Friday, 10 am – 4 pm from June 3 – August 14 (No Playground June 1, 2, or July 3). You must be able to attend 8 out of 11 weeks in order to be considered for the cadet position.
- Please attach 1-2 letters of reference. References can be from a teacher, coach, mentor, volunteer coordinator, employer, etc.

I confirm that the above has been answered to the best of my ability and are true and complete.

Student Signature: _____ Date _____

I hereby give the above student permission to pursue participation in the Summer Fun Playground Cadet Counselor program.

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

RETURN APPLICATION TO: Jessica Tyagi, Program Coordinator
Marshall Recreation Department, 323 W. Michigan Ave., Marshall, MI 49068
Or email at jtyagi@cityofmarshall.com
SUBMIT BY MAY 22nd