

Wylie Rec Center Revs up for '80s-themed Month

Park and Rec Month has been recognized in July since 1985, but this year Wylie Recreation Center will celebrate with a full slate of activities planned with an '80s theme, culminating the evening of July 25 when the gym is turned into a roller rink for Wylie Rollerama. Here are some of the events planned; visit www.wylietexas.gov for times and other information.

On July 10, activities include Frogger Dodgeball, Food Truck Friday and Bubble Blowing Contests, followed by a Lawn Chair Theatre showing of classic time-travel romp, "Back to the Future." The movie will be shown on the big outdoor screen; guests should bring something to sit on and money for concessions.

An Orienteering class is presented July 14 to two age groups, 7 – 12 years and 13 – 17. Kids will learn basic survival skills while using a map and compass to search for treasure.

The community is invited to celebrate the new trail looping the Wylie Municipal Complex by taking part in the Family Bike Parade July 16. Swag will be available to decorate bikes, and families are invited to rock their own '80s attire.

On July 17 kids ages 9 and up can play Archery Tag, combining the excitement of dodgeball and paintball with the intensity of archery, using foam-tipped arrows.

July 24 brings a mondo full-gym version of Hungry Hungry Hippos. Guests are invited to bring their own team or join one at the center and compete for the "Most Bombdignity" in Wylie.

It's wheels up on July 25, starting with a Learn to Skateboard class at Joel Scott Memorial Park, 424 Westgate Way, for kids age 4 and older. Bring a skateboard and helmet; long board recommended. That night, it's the Wylie Rollerama in the gym. Bring roller or inline skates and take part in slow skates, couples skates, limbo contests, red light, green light competition, freeze skate and more. Groove to the DJ's tunes and wear your best '80s wild socks, leg warmers, and spandex – sweat bands and wrist bands for sale, along with refreshments. The Rollerama is for the whole family; kids 4 – 6 should be accompanied by an adult.

Visit www.wylietexas.gov or call 972-516-6360 for more information about any of the activities or to register.

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Wylie Mayor Eric Hogue, right, presents Parks and Recreation Superintendent Rob Diaz with a proclamation declaring July Park and Recreation Month in Wylie. The rec center has a wide variety of '80s-themed activities planned to celebrate the month.