




# COMMUNICATION UPDATE

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members City Council
<b>DATE:</b>	July 2, 2025
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Recreation Division's YouthREC Week
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Steve Sevor, Acting Director Recreation Division Healthy and Safe Communities Department
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

We are excited to share that the Recreation Division is gearing up for our fourth annual YouthREC Week, happening July 14 to 20, 2025. This special week is aimed at young people in Hamilton ages 12 to 17 and will provide free opportunities to participate in a variety of engaging events and activities for youth to develop their skills and learn about employment opportunities in the Recreation Division.

Our commitment to engaging youth in both participation and leadership opportunities speak to the Term of Council Priority: Developing Safe & Thriving Neighbourhoods by providing vibrant parks, recreation and public spaces.

Throughout the week, youth can take part in a wide range of events, including basketball tournaments, creative programming and employment-based workshops such as resume-building sessions, certification courses (such as Standard First Aid and CPR-C), and a youth-focused employment fair. Events will be held in recreation centres and parks across the city, offering both drop-in and registered options.

To help spread the word, we've launched a citywide campaign using social media, website updates, signage, and support from local community partners.

Included in this email you will find:

- A calendar of events outlining the full week of programming
- Social media graphics you're welcome to use
- Key messaging (below) if you'd like to help promote the week through your channels

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OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

Key messaging:

- Celebrate YouthREC Week by encouraging young people to explore free programs that support skill development and future job opportunities in recreation.
- Activities include tournaments, workshops, certifications, and more — all offered at no cost to participants.
- Programs take place at multiple locations across Hamilton from July 14–20, 2025.
- Full details and registration can be found at: [www.hamilton.ca/youthrec](http://www.hamilton.ca/youthrec)

Any questions can be directed to Victoria Kerekesch, Manager, Recreation Operations ([Victoria.Kerekesch@hamilton.ca](mailto:Victoria.Kerekesch@hamilton.ca)).

Thank you for your continued support in helping us reach Hamilton's youth and create welcoming, inspiring spaces for them to grow and thrive.

## **APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

Appendix A – YouthREC Week Calendar of events

Appendix B – Social Media Graphics

# YouthREC Week

July 14 - 20, 2025

Join us for a week of exciting FREE events for young people (12 - 17 years old) in Hamilton, and learn more about recreation employment and training opportunities.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p><b>Super Smash Bros Tournament</b> 5:30-8:30pm Westmount Recreation Centre</p>	<p><b>HIGH FIVE: Principles of Healthy Aging*</b> 12:00-4:00pm Central Memorial Recreation Centre</p>	<p><b>Archery Tag*</b> 2:30-4:00pm Victoria Park</p>	<p><b>Standard First Aid w CPR C (Day 1)*</b> 8:30am - 5:00pm Norman Pinky Lewis Recreation Centre</p>	<p><b>Standard First Aid w CPR C (Day 2)*</b> 8:30am - 5:00pm Norman Pinky Lewis Recreation Centre</p>	<p><b>Standard First Aid w CPR C (Day 1)*</b> 8:00am - 4:30pm Sir Wilfrid Laurier Recreation Centre</p>	<p><b>Standard First Aid w CPR C (Day 2)*</b> 8:00am - 4:30pm Sir Wilfrid Laurier Recreation Centre</p>
<p><b>Indigenous Smoke Dance</b> 6:00-7:00pm Bernie Morelli Recreation Centre</p>	<p><b>3 on 3 Basketball Tournament</b> 3:00-8:00pm Montgomery Park William McConnell Park Woodlands Park</p>	<p><b>Employment Expo</b> 4:00-7:00pm Bennetto Community Centre</p>	<p><b>Bubble Soccer*</b> 2:30-4:00pm Westmount Recreation Centre</p>	<p><b>Cornhole Tournament</b> 5:00-7:00pm Parkdale Park</p>	<p><b>Toronto Rock</b> 11:00-12:30pm Ancaster Rotary Centre</p>	<p><b>Cardboard Boat Race*</b> 11:30am - 2:30pm Central Memorial Recreation Centre</p>
<p><b>Outdoor Movie Night ft. The Wild Robot</b> 7:00-10:30pm Bernie Morelli Recreation Centre</p>	<p><b>Learn to Skate</b> 6:30-7:30pm Valley Park Community Centre</p>	<p><b>Volleyball Tournament</b> 6:00-9:00pm Westmount Recreation Centre</p>	<p><b>Pizza and Paint Night by Paint with Priti*</b> 6:00-8:00pm Bernie Morelli Recreation Centre</p>	<p><b>Resume Review</b> 5:00-8:00pm Bernie Morelli Recreation Centre</p>	<p><b>Disc Golf</b> 1:00-4:00pm Ancaster Rotary Centre</p>	
		<p><b>DJ Demo</b> 7:00-8:30pm Westmount Recreation Centre</p>		<p><b>Super Smash Bros Tournament</b> 5:00-8:00pm Bernie Morelli Recreation Centre</p>		



\* Registration is required for these specific programs. To register, email [youth.recreation@hamilton.ca](mailto:youth.recreation@hamilton.ca)

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