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Recreation Program Offers Fun For Children



STORY TIME . . . One of the big features of the Crenshaw recreation program is the story-telling time, held daily. Here, Leader Bernice McMahon tells a story about various animals, while youngsters hold up cards with pictures of the beasts as they are mentioned.

PLAYGROUNDS, PARKS OFFER GAMES, CRAFTS

Everything from basket weaving to softball is included in the summer's recreation for youngsters, sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department, in cooperation with the Torrance Unified School District.

Some 8500 youngsters are participating in the program at four city parks and eight playgrounds, Recreation Director Harry Van Bellehem estimated. Biggest attendance is at Torrance Park and WALTERIA School.

Hot weather fun for the younger set is offered at Torrance, El Retiro, McMaster, and WALTERIA Parks, and Crenshaw, Fern-Greenwood, Hillside, North Torrance, Pueblo, Riviera, Seaside, and WALTERIA Playgrounds.

Torrance, McMaster, and WALTERIA Parks are open from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m., while El Retiro Park is open from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. All playgrounds start activities at 1 and close at 5 p. m. Starting Aug. 8, playground hours will be 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.

All types of recreation—softball, volleyball, ping (Continued on Page 17)



BASKET WEAVERS . . . Some of the girls at Crenshaw Playground work on weaving baskets as a part of the craft program, while in the background, the boys enjoy a game of carroms. Youngsters also play ping pong, checkers, and other games.



HOW TO SLIDE . . . Instruction in how to slide into home base is given softball players at Crenshaw Playground. Here Catcher Tony Carter puts the glove on Gary Davis as Dave Barge, Ray Biggers, and Recreation Leader Art Sues Jr. look on.



ROUND AND ROUND . . . Gary Davis, second place winner in the boys jump rope contest at Crenshaw, gets in a few practice hops before the contest. Games and activities of all types are offered in the programs at the local playgrounds.

227 Youngsters Participate in Crenshaw Play

What happens during a typical week at one of Torrance's 13 summer recreation areas? At Crenshaw playground last week, 227 youngsters—106 girls and 121 boys—were engaging in various phases of the play program.

Besides the regular craft and game program, youngsters at Crenshaw held a ping pong tournament, a birthday party, jump rope contest, and softball competition.

Gary Davis, "Baseo" Boskovich, Ray Biggers, and Donald Jenkins, represented the playground in the city ping pong tournament, while Boskovich, Russell Carroll, and Roger Morgan were entered in the checkers tournament at Torrance park.

Birthday Noted

Pink, white and lavender streamers, a table cloth, and balloons decorated the playground room at the school Thursday as the children celebrated the birthdays of all boys and girls born during July. A monthly event at each of the playgrounds, the rooms are decorated by craft classes, while the younger set join in "Happy Birthday to You . . ."

Boys at the playground competed in a jump rope contest, with Ray Bigger copping first, followed by Gary Davis, Dave Barge, Tony Carter, and Donald Sayre.

Pee Wee Jumpers

In the pee wee division, David Morgan took first in rope jumping with both feet and with the left foot, while Robert Snyder won first in the right foot competition. Other winners were Donald Jenkins, Stanley Reynolds, Roger Morgan, and "Rocky" Zar.

In softball play, pee wee teams—the Angels, Stars and Tigers—have been representing the playground in competition with other play areas. An older team, the Hambones, also have represented Crenshaw.

Leaders Named

At other recreation areas, supervisors are as follows: El Retiro Park—Marcus Caldwell and Marcia Wright.

McMaster Park—Vernon Clary, Vallerie Daniels, and James E. Jackson.

Torrance Park—Deanna Gibson, Cliff Graybill, Jeanne Kasten, Delbert Nuzum, and Judith Wright.

WALTERIA Park—William J. Clary, Lloyd Harline, Doris Popovich, and Birtha Van Lingham.

Pueblo Playground—Alfredo Sells.

Crenshaw School—Bernice McMahon and Art Sues, Jr.

Fern-Greenwood School—Herman Boodman, Carolyn Chapman and Mina Gallo.

Hillside School—Nicholas Delan and Elaine M. Herman.

Riviera Supervisors—Riviera School—Janette Borden and Bobby J. Vasar.



YOUNG ARTISTS . . . Intense concentration is shown on the faces of these youngsters working on various phases of the craft program underway at Crenshaw Playground. Charges for the craft materials are the only costs involved in the recreation program.

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UP THEY GO . . . Enjoying a swing at Crenshaw Playground are Kathleen Dzulbausk, Marjorie Whitley, and Carolyn Rathbun. The playground equipment is open to youngsters participating in the city-sponsored recreation program at 13 areas in the city.



BATTER UP . . . Getting ready to compete in a girls' softball game at Crenshaw Playground are Batter Barbara Steiner and Catcher Sharon Berg, while Linda Stevenson, Mary Gonzalez, JoAnne Papst, Donna Sayr, and Margie Silveria look on.