

TPRC Summer Fun Commissioner

The TPRC Summer Fun Commissioner position is a 3-year position on the TPRC board. TPRC has meetings once a month on Monday evenings, but you are only required to go to a few during the months before the Summer Fun program begins. However you are always welcome to go to all the meetings. The meetings are definitely one of the best parts of the position. You learn a lot about the Terrace Park Recreation Commission, what it does and how much actually goes into being able to have Rec sports for our kids.

Another positive about this position is that it is a really great way to meet the kids in Terrace Park. I got to know many names and faces over my 3-year reign.

What is Summer Fun?

The Summer Fun program is a 2-week summer program designed to give Terrace Park Elementary School age students some enjoyable diversion during the summer months (and to give Mom's and Dad's a little break). It is a long-standing tradition provided by the TPRC as a service to the parents and kids of Terrace Park. (We have evidence that it has been going on as early as the 1950's, if not earlier!) As many as 30-50 kids participate each summer.

Responsibilities of the Commissioner:

The commissioner is in charge of planning and organizing the Summer Fun program. This includes choosing the activities, finding volunteers to help/chaperone and executing the activities. You can be very flexible with the programs. We have had field trips, theme days, a circus camp and different children's programs over the years. You can schedule the 2 weeks consecutive or they can be at different times over the summer. The programs are usually for a 2-3 hour time frame.

You can be as creative or simple with this programming. Ideas from the past are:

In Terrace Park Activities:

- Water day (Terrace Park Firemen bring the truck to the school and spray the kids)
- Sports Day
- Carnival Day
- Circus Day
- Relay Day
- Craft Day (lots of things have been done for this day)
- Music Day

Field trips:

Laser Tag, Jump for Fun, Reds Hall of Fame, Fishing, Hiking, Horseback Riding etc...

Other:

- We have had Enriching Kidz (used to be Better Babysitters) come in and do workshops for older kids.

- Currently we have been partnering with My Nose Turn Red Theatre Company to have a week long Circus Camp. They completely run and staff the camp. This is something that could be continued and it would **reduce the planning to 1 week of additional activities**

Options for Filling the Summer Fun Commissioner Role:

Traditionally one person has held this role and has enlisted the help of many volunteers.

Another option is to have two people could also share this position.

Regardless of whether one or two people hold the commissioner role, the best scenario is to put together a committee of 3-4 people to run the program for a summer. It is really fun and easy to have a team of 3-5 people and have each person responsible for one day.

I still sit on the TPRC as the Monte Carlo Night Commissioner so will be easily accessible to ask for help and I am very willing to help mentor you the first year!

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