



#### **WHAT IS SERVICE LEARNING?**

Service learning is a powerful teaching method that connects meaningful community service with academic learning, personal growth, civic responsibility and reflective experience. Relating this definition to the role of The Center for Service Learning, students will be taught the basic elements and principals of service learning and how to select, plan, organize, implement and evaluate a successful service project.

#### **WHERE IS THE CENTER FOR SERVICE LEARNING?**

The Center for Service Learning (CSL) is located on the Bennet Academy Campus in the Recreation Building on School St. The center will be operated by the Town of Manchester Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with Bennet Academy.

#### **WHEN DOES THE CENTER FOR SERVICE LEARNING OPERATE?**

The CSL will offer two service learning sessions between October 2009 and May 2010. Each session can accommodate 30 students. During each session, students accepted into the program will be required to attend the CSL on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 2:45-5:30 p.m. This is not a late bus program. Parents are required to sign child out.

**Session 1:** Wednesday, October 14th, 2009

**Session 2:** Monday, February 8th, 2010

#### **HOW DO I ENROLL MY CHILD INTO THE CENTER FOR SERVICE LEARNING?**

Application packets will be mailed to all students during the session mailing date or available online at [rocks.townofmanchester.org](http://rocks.townofmanchester.org). Completed applications must be submitted to the Bennet Academy Office. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered for admission into the CSL. Please note below the dates when application packets are available and when they need to be submitted for both sessions 1 and 2.

##### **Session 1**

Application packets are enclosed.

Application must be submitted by: During the week of September 28th, 2009.

##### **Session 2**

Application packets will be mailed and available: Friday, January 8th, 2010.

Application must be submitted by: During the week of January 25th-29th, 2010.

#### **WHAT IS THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTION?**

The center's objective is to have a fair balance of active and non-active students. An active student would be one who has a strong connection to school through academics and extra-curricular activities and a non-active student would be one who is having difficulty making a strong connection to school through academics and extra-curricular activities. In addition, the following criteria will be used during the selection process: student's previous volunteer/leadership experience or lack of; responses to application questions; recommendations from Bennet Academy, Recreation or Youth Service officials; and whether applications are complete and submitted on time;. Please note: If applicants are not selected for Session 1, they will automatically be considered and given a higher priority for admission into Session 2.

#### **IS THERE A FEE FOR THIS PROGRAM?**

This program is free to those students selected to participate.

#### **WHO CAN I CALL IF I HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED MORE INFORMATION?**

For questions or more information, contact Liz Tracy, Recreation Supervisor at 647-3167 or email her at: [liz50@ci.manchester.ct.us](mailto:liz50@ci.manchester.ct.us) or contact Shannon Blenis, Program Director at 930-8498 or email her at: [sblenis@ci.manchester.ct.us](mailto:sblenis@ci.manchester.ct.us)



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#### **WHAT IS THE INTRAMURAL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM?**

Intramurals are fun, recreational, social, and active on-campus sports and activities for Bennet 6th Grade students. These are designed with the everyday student, just like you, in mind. This is a great opportunity for you to have some fun and to try that new sport or activity you've always wanted to learn!

#### **WHERE DOES THE INTRAMURAL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM OPERATE?**

The Intramural after school program will operate on the Bennet Academy Campus utilizing both the East Side Recreation and Cone gymnasiums.

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Intramurals after school will offer four sessions beginning November 2, 2009 through May 2010. Program is offered Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday from 2:45-4:15 p.m. This program will have a late bus available at 4:15 p.m.

**Session 1:** REGISTRATION FORMS POSTMARKED by October 16 or earlier will be randomly selected and processed beginning on October 19.

- Soccer - Monday & Wednesday, November 2 to December 21.
- Drill - Monday & Wednesday, November 2 to December 21.
- Dodgeball - Tuesday & Thursday, November 5 to December 22.

**Session 2:** REGISTRATION FORMS POSTMARKED by December 11 or earlier will be randomly selected and processed beginning on December 14.

- Wiffelball - Monday & Wednesday, January 4 to February 10.
- Cheerleading - Monday & Wednesday, January 4 to February 10.
- Basketball - Tuesday & Thursday, January 5 to February 11.

**Session 3:** REGISTRATION FORMS POSTMARKED by February 5 or earlier will be randomly selected and processed beginning on February 8.

- Floor Hockey - Monday & Wednesday, February 22 to March 31.
- Cardio Combo - Monday & Wednesday, February 22 to March 31.
- Lacrosse - Tuesday & Thursday, February 23 to April 1.

**Session 4:** REGISTRATION FORMS POSTMARKED by March 19 or earlier will be randomly selected and processed beginning on March 22.

- Kickball - Monday & Wednesday, April 12 to May 19.
- Double Dutch - Monday & Wednesday, April 12 to May 19.
- Flag Football - Tuesday & Thursday, April 13 to May 20.

#### **HOW DO I ENROLL MY CHILD INTO INTRAMURAL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM?**

Parents, please check the postmark dates above for each session. Additional applications will be available at the r at the Bennet Academy Office and the Recreation Department office located in the East Side Recreation building at Bennet on School Street.

Completed applications must be mailed to:

- Manchester Recreation Department
- Attn: Rocks Intramurals
- c/o Northwest Park
- 448 Tolland Turnpike, Bldg. 1
- Manchester, CT 06045
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#### **WHAT IS THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTION?**

Any 6th Grade Bennet Academy student is eligible to participate. Please note the registration dates above. Space is limited for each activity in each session.

#### **IS THERE A FEE FOR THIS PROGRAM?**

This program is free to all 6th Grade Bennet Academy students.

#### **WHO CAN I CALL IF I HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED MORE INFORMATION?**

Call Rob Topliff, Recreation Supervisor at 647-3079 or Calvin Harris, Recreation Supervisor at 647-3088.