

Summer 2024 Youth Programming

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Goals of Summer Programming

Collectively, City-supported out-of-school time (including summer) programming seeks to:

- Keep kids **safe** from community violence
- Support the **health and wellness** of Richmond's children
- Facilitate **family stability** by offering low- and no-cost child care options so that caregivers could work
- Promote **positive youth development** through responsive, relevant activities, programs and events
- Maintain and accelerate **academic achievement** through formal and informal learning



Featured Agencies

- Department of Justice Services
- Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities
- NextUp RVA – Positive Youth Development Fund
- Office of Community Wealth-Building
- Richmond Police Department
- Richmond Public Library
- Richmond Public Schools

Department of Justice Services

Youth Justice leaders participated in a field trip to Washington, D.C., where they visited several museums including the African-American History and Culture Museum

Youth Justice held **Justice Quest** Summer Camp, which provided participants with law-related educational activities from Virginia Rules through the Office of the Attorney General

Richmond Juvenile Detention Center partnered different community organizations to offer programming to youth in detention, including Mayor's Youth Academy, RVA C.O.O.K.S., and F.R.E.E. LLC



Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities

PRCF offered two different nine-week summer camps, all of which offered free breakfast and lunch as well as recreational and social-emotional programming as well as field trips

- More than 400 children 6-12 enrolled in affordable **day camps** (7:30-5:30) offered at seven locations (\$450 maximum)
- More than 150 children 6-12 participated in free **pop-in camps** (9-3) at five sites



Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities

PRCF also offered a variety of athletic activities and programs:

CarMax Outdoor Basketball Camp at Pine Camp

- Two one-week camps
- 58 children ages 8-12 and 53 youth ages 12-15

CarMax Summer Outdoor Basketball League at Pine Camp and Broad Rock

- Six-week league
- 288 participants across four divisions – 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U – with six teams each

Summer Baseball

- 10U and 12U teams from Northside
- Exhibition matches in Richmond, NC, and DC

Anthony Harris Football at River City Middle School

- One-day camp, over 140 youth ages 8-14

Late Night Basketball at four sites

- Friday and Saturday nights, 6-9pm
- Average 25-30 participants ages 16-24 per night per site



Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities

Arts programs were offered at Pine Camp and Hickory Hill

- Pine Camp Summer Spotlight
 - 240 campers ages 7-13
- Pine Camp Dance Camp
 - 60 campers ages 7-13
- Nature Film Camp
- Hickory Hill Art Everywhere
 - 51 campers ages 6-13



Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities

James River Parks System engaged over 1500 youth in 81 JRPS and partner programs

- JRPS Summer Camps for ages 6-12
- River Safety Events with RFD and OIRE
- Teens of Richmond in Parks (TRIP)



Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities

PRCF participates in the USDA Summer Food Service Program to provide free meals to children (ages 1-18) over the summer



Over **51,457** meals were served to children from 1 to 18 years of age at 18 sites, from June 10 through August 9

NextUp RVA – Positive Youth Development Fund

NextUp disbursed **\$411,655** this summer to support **31 programs** that engaged **366 youth aged 12-19**, and provided free trainings to providers on data evaluation, grant writing, and social-emotional learning.

- 92% of participants indicated that they enjoyed their program
- 93% of participants reported that programs made them feel better about themselves



NextUp RVA – Positive Youth Development Fund

St. Luke Legacy Center



L.O.C.A.L. Adventures



NextUp RVA – Positive Youth Development Fund

Sew What Kidz



Custom Sunglasses, Tassel Earrings, and Fabric Covered Keychains



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Challenge Discovery Projects

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Office of Community Wealth-Building

Summer Work-Based Learning Program (Mayor's Youth Academy)

- Engaged youth aged 14-24 over seven weeks, including one week of pre-employment training
- 91.2% completion rate among 502 participants across 85 partners
- All high schools and Council districts were represented among participants



Richmond Police Department

Provided programming directly and partnered with other agencies to provide education, engagement and other support:

- Virginia Rules Camp, sponsored by Office of the Attorney General, for youth ages 8-16
- Ray Neblett Inner City Basketball Camp
- REAL GIRLZ
- Late Night Basketball
- RVA C.O.O.K.S.



Richmond Public Library

Summer Reading 2024 was one for the record-books!

- RIPPLECON attracted older children with special guests, workshops and a cosplay contest
- Over 3500 children participated in library activities
- Weekly storytimes and STEM programming increased across all nine branches
 - Partnership with organizations like Teeny Tiny Farm, Virginia State Park Rangers, and Mad Science enriched programs



Richmond Public Schools

- Elementary summer school was five weeks long and included daily reading, math and science instruction, as well as encore classes, recess, and field trips. 1113 children participated across seven sites.
- 455 middle school students participated in summer school at two locations. Programming was similar to elementary, with the addition of remediation and retesting opportunities for certain SOLs as well as visits to local universities.



Richmond Public Schools

- At two locations, RPS offered two sessions of summer school for high school students -- SOL Academy and Credit Recovery
- With the support of the LIEP team, one-on-one tutoring was provided to multilingual learners who needed extra support with English, resulting in 51 multilingual learners graduating this summer.
- A total of 99 students graduated this summer, more than twice the number of 2023 summer graduates.



Richmond Public Schools

- RPS launched Summer Bridge, to promote a strong and smooth transition between middle and high school. The four-day program was held at two middle schools and included daily trips to high schools as well as a College & Career Expo on the fourth day.
- 150 students participated with representation from all special populations.



Richmond Public Schools

The CTE team offered two programs:

1. 11th and 12th graders participated in CTE Summer Experience, which included two pathways: paid internships or service learning projects. All benefited from a Career Readiness training.
2. 9th and 10th graders participated in CTE Summer Exploration at RTC, where they previewed CTE coursework. Students could participate in one or more two-week sessions.



Richmond Public Schools

- About 60 9th-12th graders participated in programs offered through 21st Century Community Learning Centers, federally-funded initiatives at four high schools.
- Over the course of 2-3 weeks, students engaged with project-based learning activities, workshops, and field trips through the collaboration of RPS and partner organizations.



Questions?

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