BREC is dedicated to creating a healthy community by providing public access to safe parks, trails and recreation facilities with programs that encourage physical activity, cultivate a connection to nature and contribute to a greater sense of social, mental and physical well-being.
37,000 copies of BREC’s 2019 Fall Camp Play Book were printed and distributed with the authority of the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge at a cost of $0.37 per copy.
Dear Parks and Recreation Fans,

We are excited to share with you that for the fourth year in a row, BREC is a finalist for the National Gold Medal for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management. This means that out of 10,000 park systems in the country, BREC is ranked among the top four in the largest category of these prestigious awards! Our competition includes much larger communities such as Chicago, Fairfax, Virginia and Mesa, Arizona and we will learn if we have won in September at the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) conference in Baltimore.

At that same conference, we will learn if we have earned an unprecedented sixth accreditation for the park system. BREC was one of the first systems in the country to achieve this recognition more than 20 years ago and it is something we have been working toward since 2014, when we last attained accreditation. This would not be possible without your support of the BREC system through tax dollars, usage of our parks and sharing of ideas on our renovation designs and programming. Thank you and together let’s continue to work toward keeping our system worthy of the recognition as one of the best in the United States.

Fall is always a special time for BREC as we celebrate the start of the school year and the holiday season with families across East Baton Rouge Parish. You’ll see many of your favorite events and programs in this guide including Brew at the Zoo, numerous Halloween and Christmas celebrations, holiday camps, Movies in the Park and our popular rainbow trout fishing rodeos. This will also be a fall of celebration as we continue to make progress in implementing the Imagine Your Parks 2 strategic plan. Look for announcements of ribbon cuttings for the newly air-conditioned and expanded recreation centers at Church Street, Lovett Road and Forest Community Park. All three centers were damaged in the Flood of 2016 with repairs being delayed as we waited for FEMA to give us the go-ahead to start the work. You will also be invited to celebrate the completion of the master plans for the Zoo and Greenwood Community Park and the bridge connecting two sections of the Ward’s Creek bicycle and pedestrian trail along Bluebonnet and Siegen. Those are just a few of the dozens of construction projects underway as we continue to do our part to make East Baton Rouge Parish a better place to live, work and play.

Again, we thank you for your support and hope you join us as we work to make this a very special fall season.

Sincerely,

Corey K. Wilson, BREC Superintendent
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BREC is committed to an inclusive approach to recreation. Inclusion consists of individuals with and without disabilities participating in recreation activities in their community. Inclusion makes it possible for individuals to choose from a vast array of programs that BREC offers and promotes the opportunity for people of all abilities to play where they choose. The following programs are ongoing with no registration deadlines.

More info:  📧 molly.orr@brec.org

**EVENTS**

**HEARTS & HOOVES VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION & FUN DAY!**
Interested in volunteering for Hearts and Hooves but are nervous about the tasks or don’t fully understand the program? Come learn and have fun at Volunteer Orientation! All tasks and duties will be taught. Interact with our therapeutic horses, instructors, other volunteers, and some of the Hearts and Hooves students. Refreshments and snacks provided.

**FARR PARK EQUESTRIAN CENTER**
Sept. 7  /  9 a.m.-noon
Ages: 13+ (high school + college students welcome)
📧 frichards@brec.org  ☎️ 225-769-7805

**HEARTS & HOOVES ORIENTATION DAY PARTICIPANT RIDE**
New and old members of the Hearts and Hooves riding program are welcome to participate in Volunteer Orientation Day by coming out for a class before regular session begins! This is a great way for any prospective students to sample the program and meet the program horses. New students welcome.

**FARR PARK EQUESTRIAN CENTER**
Sept. 7  /  10:30 a.m.-noon  /  Ages: 6+
To register:  📧 frichards@brec.org  ☎️ 225-769-7805

**SUNSHINE SOCIAL**
Through partnership with Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge, BREC is able to offer themed, monthly socials for adults with cognitive and developmental disabilities and their friends and family. There will be a disc jockey, snacks, door prizes, socialization and fun.

**MILTON J. WOMACK PARK**
Friday / 6-9 p.m. / Ages: 16+
$5 donation per month (Donation supports this program, including supplies and door prizes each month.)

Sept. 20: **Swing in September**
Dress comfortable and be ready to dance. Lindy Hop Demonstration and class from 6:15-7 p.m.

Oct. 18: **Hocus Pocus**
Brewing up some Halloween fun

Nov. 15: **Thankful for our Heroes**
Grab your cape, mask, badge or hat and honor your favorite heroes!

Dec. 20: **Ugly Sweater Party**
Sleigh with your “Best” Christmas sweater
**HEARTS & HOOVES THERAPEUTIC RIDING PROGRAM**

Riders aged 6 and up with physical, mental, and social disabilities participate in a six-week session of riding lessons tailored to their needs. Riders enjoy a one-hour class on horseback learning stretching exercises, basic equitation and games. Horseback riding is known to improve core strength and coordination and provide a unique social opportunity with peers. Maximum class sizes of 10 riders, with two instructors and up to three volunteer assistants per rider.

**FARR PARK EQUESTRIAN CENTER**

Session 1: Monday / Sept. 9-Oct. 14
Session 2: Monday / Oct. 21-Nov. 25
Available class times: 4:30 + 6 p.m.
Ages: 6+
$120 EBR Parish Residents
$144 Out-of-Parish Residents
Scholarships Available
Registration Opens: Aug. 1 / Pre-Registration Required
To register: 225-769-7805 webtrac.brec.org
frichards@brec.org

**ADAPTIVE CLASSROOM FIELD TRIPS**

Field trips are available for adaptive PE classrooms in East Baton Rouge Parish. Groups will be allotted one-hour riding time or on the ground learning about horses. Students must be able to hold themselves up on horse and follow simple instructions. Each classroom must provide one chaperone per three students. Limited to 16 students per field trip. Reservations mandatory.

**FARR PARK EQUESTRIAN CENTER**

Thursday / 10-11 a.m. / Ages: 6+
$7.50 per student
To register: frichards@brec.org 225-769-7805

**SUNSHINE CLUB**

This program offers recreational opportunities as a learning tool for daily living activities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This program bridges the gap between high school and the life after for these participants. Participants will learn how to become a part of their community, engaging in meaningful daily activities and learning new skills. The participants will have opportunities to take daily trips to volunteer sites to actively engage in their community.

**MILTON J. WOMACK PARK – SUNSHINE CLUB ROOM**

Monday-Friday / 8 a.m.-3 p.m. / Ages: 18+
$90 per week

**LEAGUES**

Through a partnership with The ARC Baton Rouge and Special Olympics Louisiana, BREC offers inclusive leagues to participants ages three and older, with and without disabilities. These non-competitive leagues teach sport fundamentals and teamwork while enjoying a social interaction.

**VARIOUS LOCATIONS**

Ages: 3+ (teams will be group by age groups)
$10 per participant
More info or to register:
225-927-0855 (The Arc Baton Rouge)
molly.orr@brec.org

**INCLUSIVE BASKETBALL**

**KATHY DRIVE PARK**

Skills Day: Sept. 7
Basketball Games: Saturday Mornings, Sept. 21-Nov. 9
Registration begins: Aug. 3

**SUNSHINE INTERACTIVE DAYS**

Come out and enjoy recreational activities in your parks, for adults and teens with intellectual and developmental disabilities ages 16 and older. There are no fees associated with these programs.
Aug. 12-Dec. 20

**Game Mania Monday**

Come out and play some of your favorite card games and board games.

**NORTH SHERWOOD FOREST COMMUNITY PARK**

Monday / 10 a.m.-noon

**Try Something Tuesdays**

Participants will try a new activity each week to gain new experiences and discover interests.

**VARIOUS BREC PARKS**

Tuesday / 10 a.m.-noon

**Walking Wednesday**

Come for a walk along the trails at BREC parks across the Parish.
Wednesday / 10 a.m.-noon

**Arts & Crafts Thursday**

Participants will learn the fundamental skills of creative art using different mediums and design techniques. The season will conclude in December with an Art Show, location TBA.

**WEBB PARK**

Thursday / 10 a.m.-noon

**Karaoke Friday**

Come sing along with your favorite songs and dance too!

**INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY PARK**

Friday / 10 a.m.-noon

Registration for Sunshine Interactive Days begins Aug. 6
To register: webtrac.brec.org
BREC’s Adult Leisure program offers a variety of leisure activities for adults 55 and older. Programs are offered on a month to month basis with no contract.

More info: facility of your choice
To register: webtrac.brec.org

EVENTS

TEA DANCE SPECIAL THEME PARTY
Come dressed in your Halloween attire and enjoy live entertainment, light refreshments, and friends, while dancing to classic ballroom dance music.

MILTON J. WOMACK PARK - BALLROOM
Oct. 19 / 6-9 p.m. / $10 per person

PROGRAMS

BALLROOM DANCE
Participants will learn dance movements in a variety of partner dancing styles.

INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY PARK
Thursday / 10 a.m.-noon

BRIDGE
Hone your competitive nature and make new friends with BREC’s Bridge program. Bridge is a four-player trick-taking card game, where two competing teams have partners sitting opposite each other.

PARKLAWN ADULT LEISURE CENTER
Tuesday / 3:30-7 p.m.
Thursday / 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

SHARP ROAD ADULT LEISURE CENTER
Monday + Thursday + Friday / 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Tuesday + Wednesday / 5-8 p.m.

BUSY BODIES
This program addresses some of the major wellness components needed for optimal health. These areas include strength, flexibility, balance, cognition and nutrition.

INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY PARK
Monday + Wednesday + Friday / 8-9:30 a.m.

CANASTA
Meet new friends or bring a group with you to compete in a fun game of cards. Canasta is a multiple player “rummy” style card game.

PARKLAWN ADULT LEISURE CENTER
Wednesday / 9 a.m.-noon
Thursday / 1-4 p.m.

SHARP ROAD ADULT LEISURE CENTER
Wednesday / 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Thursday / 1-6 p.m.

CHAIR AEROBICS
This is a fun-filled class that varies and combines toning, stretching and strength training exercises for a complete body workout.

ANNA T. JORDAN COMMUNITY PARK
Monday / 10:45-11:45 a.m.
ALSEN PARK
Wednesday / 9-10 a.m.

CHAIR VOLLEYBALL
This is a fun-filled game of chair volleyball and upper body strength training.

ANNA T. JORDAN COMMUNITY PARK
Thursday / 10:30-11:30 a.m.

CROCHET
Learn how to make beautiful blankets, baby clothes and much more. Crochet is a form of needlework which uses a hook to make decorative items and clothes.

SHARP ROAD ADULT LEISURE CENTER
Tuesday / 9 a.m.-noon

DOMinoes
This program will take you back to your youth as you relearn the basics of dominoes. Test your skills against friends and family.

PARKLAWN ADULT LEISURE CENTER
Wednesday / noon-3 p.m.

NORTH SHERWOOD FOREST COMMUNITY PARK
Monday-Friday / 6-8 a.m.

SHARP ROAD ADULT LEISURE CENTER
Wednesday / 12:15-2:30 p.m.

FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS, SEE PAGE 40.
FOREVER YOUNG EXERCISE
This class emphasizes low impact moves for cardiovascular conditioning as well as muscular endurance and overall toning.

NORTH SHERWOOD FOREST COMMUNITY PARK
Monday + Wednesday / 9-9:45 a.m.

GROUP GAMES
Are you looking for fun and fellowship with people in your age group? Join us for group games where you’ll interact with other seniors and compete in various games.

ALSEN PARK
Monday / 10:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

GUS YOUNG PARK
Monday / 11 a.m.-noon

LINE DANCE
Want to steal the show at the next wedding you attend? Our instructor will teach you a sequence of choreographed dance steps in which participants move in lines or rows, facing the same direction and executing the same steps at the same time. Get a workout while you learn to dance like a pro!

ALSEN PARK
Tuesday + Thursday / 1-2 p.m.

GUS YOUNG PARK
Monday / 10-11 a.m.

PARKLAWN ADULT LEISURE CENTER
Tuesday
9-10 a.m. - Beginner / $22 per month
10:15-11:15 a.m. - Intermediate / $27 per month
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Advanced / $30 per month

OPEN STUDIO
Bring in any project - needlework, sewing and painting.

WEBB PARK ADULT LEISURE CENTER
Monday-Thursday / 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
$10 fee per month for supplies

PELICAN WOOD CARVERS
Join a group of like enthusiasts to learn woodcarving techniques.

PARKLAWN ADULT LEISURE CENTER
Monday / 9 a.m-1 p.m.
Meeting every third Monday of the month / 4-7 p.m.

SENIOR SOCIAL
Come socialize with your peers, while you create arts and craft projects each week.

ALSEN PARK
Wednesday / noon-2 p.m.

SILVER SPOKES
Join us for this exciting senior biking program. We offer seniors a chance to maintain their fitness, lift their spirits and enjoy a social experience with others as they ride special designed cruisers or three-wheeled trike bikes, in our community parks and trails. The program is free if you bring your own bike. You can register for this monthly program.

NORTH SHERWOOD FOREST COMMUNITY PARK
Sept. 6 / 9-11 a.m.

ANNA T. JORDAN COMMUNITY PARK
Oct. 4 / 9-11 a.m.
$5 per year or $1 one-time ride
outdooradventure@brec.org

TABLE TENNIS
A great way to stimulate mental alertness, concentration and tactical strategy. This makes it the perfect game for seniors! Table tennis also develops mental acuity, improves reflexes, is easy on the joints, burns calories, offers a social outlet, improves balance, and stimulates various parts of the brain.

INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY PARK
Monday + Thursday / noon-3 p.m.
Wednesday / 10 a.m.-noon

NORTH SHERWOOD FOREST COMMUNITY PARK
Monday-Friday / 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

TAI CHI
Looking for a pain reliever that doesn’t involve medicine? Join us to learn Tai Chi: an ancient therapy which relieves pain, fights depression, promotes deep breathing, lowers blood pressure, and improves balance.

INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY PARK
Tuesday / 10-11 a.m. / $32 per month

TEA DANCE
Enjoy live entertainment, light refreshments and friends to classic ballroom dance music.

MILTON J. WOMACK PARK - BALLROOM
Aug.-Dec. (No dance on 12/24/19)
Tuesday / 1-3 p.m. / $5 per dance

WALK & TALK
This program is designed for adults to interact with each other in BREC’s beautiful parks. Staff will participate with adults ages 50 and older as you set goals to maintain your healthy lifestyle. Stay fit while getting a brisk outdoor walk.

ANTIOCH BOULEVARD PARK
Tuesday + Thursday / 9-11 a.m.
EXPLORE BOWHUNTING
Do you enjoy the thrill of the hunt? Would you like to learn more about the principals of being a successful hunter or wildlife photographer? Do you like being outside and want to learn some cool new skills? Then Explore Bowhunting is for you! This educational program will guide participants through the basics of hunting using fun, and engaging group activities. Participants will learn principals of camouflage, movement in nature, ecology, biology, and archery as the apply to bowhunting and other outdoor pursuits. Students will receive hands on experience with multiple types of bows while increasing their confidence in the local wildlife and environments.

HIGHLAND ROAD COMMUNITY PARK
Sept. 4 + 11 + 18 + 25  /  6-7:30 p.m.
Ages: 12+  /  $40 per person
outdooradventure@brec.org

SUNSET PADDLE
Join us as we paddle into the beautiful south Louisiana sunset. Enjoy the fading warm colors as we explore this time at sunset. This experience is perfect for youth and adults with little or abundant watercraft skills. Kayaks and paddle boards are available to rent, but these spots go quick so make sure to register in advance before the event is full.

MILFORD WAMPOLD MEMORIAL PARK
Sept. 5 + 19  /  6:30-7 p.m.  /  Ages: 12+
$15 Tandem  /  $10 Single or SUP
outdooradventure@brec.org

KAYAK & COFFEE
Start your morning with us for a relaxing paddle on the water at Greenwood Community Park then coffee at the Waterfront Cafe.

GREENWOOD COMMUNITY PARK
Sept. 9 + Nov. 5  /  8 a.m.-2 p.m.  /  Ages: 18+
$10-12 per person
outdooradventure@brec.org

GEAUX VELODROME DAY!
Geaux Velo Day is a day dedicated to velodrome! Have you ever wondered what it’s like to ride a bike on the velodrome or even what the velodrome is? Our friends at the Baton Rouge Velodrome Association will be here to help answer all your questions and show you how the velodrome works! This event is geared to everyone! Even if you have never ridden a velodrome bike, are scared of the idea of riding in the velodrome, or have never had the chance we are here to help! There will be 10 bikes available to use free of charge and there will be friendly, experienced velodrome riders there to help you through every step of the process. This event is free of charge so come on out and learn about our velodrome and give it a try!

PERKINS ROAD EXTREME SPORTS PARK
Sept. 14  /  6-9 p.m.
xsports@brec.org  225-766-9039 (1-9 p.m.)
KAYAKING 101
A beginner to intermediate paddling class on local BREC ponds. You will be given the opportunity to explore paddling skills on dry land, before moving on to water to get a true feel for how kayaks handle in their natural environment. Instructors will coach participants on basic kayak handling, strokes, and techniques, and maneuvering skills to help you feel comfortable on the water in the kayak. This prepares you for the other BREC Paddling Programs.
GREENWOOD COMMUNITY PARK
Sept. 17  /  6-7 p.m.  /  Ages: 12+  /  $10-12 per person
outdooradventure@brec.org

RIDE N’ ROLL
Ride in roll is the annual commemoration of the grand opening of the Extreme Sports Park! Ride N’ Roll is celebrated in the form of a skatepark competition! This event will include a BMX skatepark competition, skateboard competition, and BMX Dirt Jump competition. At the end of the competition the best rider/skater overall (highest cumulative score across all events) will be crowned King of the Park for the year! The top three competitors from each individual competition will receive awards.
PERKINS ROAD EXTREME SPORTS PARK
Sept. 21  /  2-6 p.m.

SUP 101
Have you always wanted to learn a new skill? Why not paddle boarding? Try SUP 101 for your basic paddle boarding needs, with all equipment provided.
MILFORD WAMPOLD MEMORIAL PARK
Oct. 3  /  6-7 p.m.  /  Ages: 12+  /  $10-12 per person
outdooradventure@brec.org

PADDLE AWAY
A paddling program for intermediate to experienced paddlers. Come check out and test the waters with us at the beautiful Bayou Fountain while enjoying a morning out on the water with BREC.
HIGHLAND ROAD COMMUNITY PARK BOAT LAUNCH
Oct. 6  /  8-11 a.m.  /  Ages: 12+  /  $10-12 per person
outdooradventure@brec.org

MOUNTAIN BIKE 101
Have you always wanted to learn a new skill? Why not mountain biking? Try Mountain Biking 101 for your basic mountain biking needs, with all equipment provided.
COMITE RIVER PARK
Oct. 10  /  5:30-7 p.m.  /  Ages: 12+
$10-12 per person
outdooradventure@brec.org

GREAT FAMILY CAMPOUT
Grab a tent and enjoy an evening being active with other families, make a s’more, sleep under the stars and wake up refreshed in a beautiful BREC park! Outdoor Adventure activities, hiking, inflatables, and more will run from 4 p.m. to dark. Food is provided and no camping experience required.
GREENWOOD COMMUNITY PARK
Oct. 19-20  /  3 p.m.-10 a.m.
$35 per family of five  /  $5 per additional person
$5 tent rental
outdooradventure@brec.org

FARR PARK EQUESTRIAN CENTER’S OPEN HOUSE, STICK HORSE RODEO & STUDENT HORSE SHOW
During Farr Park’s Open House, you’ll get the chance to see a student’s only horse show and everything that Farr Park has to offer. Families will be able to play games and win prizes, visit in our petting zoo, go for a hay ride, snack at the concessions, view riding demonstrations and join in the stick horse rodeo! Children aged 2-5 are welcome to attend the stick horse rodeo with legendary rodeo announcer, Arthur Smith.
FARR PARK EQUESTRIAN CENTER
Oct. 19
Stick Horse Rodeo: 9-10:30 a.m.
Petting Zoo and Hay Rides: 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Free and Open to Public
For more info:  brec.org/farr
frichards@brec.org  225-769-7805
**COWBOY CAMPOUT**
Do you enjoy camping in the great outdoors, riding horses, and exploring the world around you? If you answered yes, then we have your next great adventure! Join us as we explore Farr Park overnight by horseback, foot and bike! Activities include horseback riding, bicycling, hay rides, camping, and hiking. Dinner and breakfast provided. Grab a tent and enjoy an evening being active with other families, make a s’more, sleep under the stars and wake up refreshed in a beautiful BREC park! Food is provided and no camping experience required.

FARR PARK EQUESTRIAN CENTER
Nov. 9-10  /  3 p.m.-10 a.m.  /  Ages: 6+
$45 with horseback ride  /  $15 without ride
Limited to 20 riders

ARCHERY 101
Want to explore archery? Then join us for this one-day introduction class to the skills of archery. Come enjoy the fun that comes with shooting a bow and arrow and let us help you get on target! We welcome both adults and youth. BREC will provide all equipment necessary.

MILTON J. WOMACK PARK
Nov. 21  /  6-7:30 p.m.  /  $10-12 per person

OPEN HOUSE JR. SINGLES ROUND ROBIN TOURNAMENT
This is a great opportunity for beginner youth players to experience playing in a tournament. Format is 10-point sets. Free pizza, snacks, and beverages for players.

CITY-BROOKS COMMUNITY PARK TENNIS CENTER
Dec. 6  /  4-8 p.m.  /  $15 per person
To register: ☑️ 225-343-3767  ☑️ webtrac.brec.org
Registration Deadline: Dec. 4
225-907-2897 (Ojo Thompson)

EXPEDITION PADDLE
Are you ready to put your paddling skills to the test? Then, this adventure is the experience for you! Join our Outdoor Adventure team as we explore one of Louisiana’s beautiful waterways. This trip is designed for intermediate to advanced paddlers as it features moving water and breathtaking scenery.

BAYOU LAFOURCHE
Dec. 8  /  8 a.m.-3 p.m.  /  Ages: 12+  /  $30 per person

**INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING TO BE A COACH OR REFEREE?**
Athletics staff members will accept applications for coach and sports officials in March + June + October

More info: ☑️ volunteer@brec.org

**LEAGUES**

**• ATHLETIC LEAGUES •**

**ADULT BASKETBALL- PREMIER**
Join an adult basketball league with BREC. No experience necessary. Play with friends and challenge yourself to stay active with BREC Athletics.

TEAM TOYOTA SPORTSPLEX
Monday-Wednesday  /  8-10 p.m.  /  Ages: 18+
$285 per team
Registration Deadline: Aug. 30
To register: ☑️ webtrac.brec.org
More info: ☑️ athletics@brec.org

**ADULT BASKETBALL- RECREATIONAL**
Join an adult basketball league with BREC. No experience necessary. Play with friends and challenge yourself to stay active with BREC Athletics.

MCKINLEY MIDDLE
Tuesday-Thursday  /  6:40-10 p.m.  /  Ages: 18+
$285 per team
Registration Deadline: Aug. 30
To register: ☑️ webtrac.brec.org
More info: ☑️ athletics@brec.org

**SPORTS ACADEMY HOUSE LEAGUE BASKETBALL**
LESTER ROBERTS SPORTS ACADEMY
Registration: Aug. 5-31
Fundamental Clinics: Aug. 17 + 24 + 31  /  9 a.m.-noon
League Play: Sept. 7-Nov. 17
Ages: 6-14  /  $75 per participant
To register: ☑️ webtrac.brec.org
More info: ☑️ athletics@brec.org

**YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL**
Youth Flag Football provides opportunities for children to enjoy America’s favorite sport. Players are physically active through non-contact, continuous action while learning the fundamentals of football, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

MILTON J. WOMACK PARK FIELD
Saturday  /  9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Ages: 5-14  /  $200 per team
Registration Deadline: Aug. 30
To register: ☑️ webtrac.brec.org
More info: ☑️ athletics@brec.org

**ADULT FLAG FOOTBALL**
7 on 7 Flag Football at BREC can’t be beat for good times and a competitive atmosphere. Join your friends for a fun recreational league at BREC!

KATHY DRIVE + MILTON J. WOMACK PARK FIELD
Sunday  /  1-6 p.m.  /  Ages: 18+
$395 per team (Women’s + Men’s Leagues)
Registration Deadline: Aug. 30
To register: ☑️ webtrac.brec.org
More info: ☑️ athletics@brec.org

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More info: ☑️ volunteer@brec.org
YOUTH TACKLE FOOTBALL
In partnership with Louisiana Youth Sports Network

MEMORIAL STADIUM + OLYMPIA STADIUM
Saturday / 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Sunday / 2-6 p.m.
Ages: 5-13 / $900 per team
Registration Deadline: Aug. 30
To register: webtrac.brec.org
More info: athletics@brec.org

ADULT SUNDAY COED SOFTBALL
In this league BREC offers both Recreational and Competitive division. There is a 10-game minimum for each division.

FOREST COMMUNITY PARK + PERKINS ROAD COMMUNITY PARK
Sunday / 1-6 p.m. / Ages: 18+
$295 per team
Registration Deadline: Aug. 30
To register: webtrac.brec.org
More info: athletics@brec.org

ADULT MEN’S WEEKDAY SOFTBALL
In this league BREC offers both Recreational and Competitive division. There is a 10-game minimum for each division.

HARTLEY VEY-OAK VILLA
Monday-Wednesday / 7-10 p.m. / Ages: 18+
$395 per team
Registration Deadline: Aug. 30
To register: webtrac.brec.org
More info: athletics@brec.org

ADULT COED WEEKDAY SOFTBALL
In this league BREC offers both Recreational and Competitive division. There is a 10-game minimum for each division.

HARTLEY VEY-OAK VILLA
Monday-Wednesday / 7-10 p.m. / Ages: 18+
$395 per team
Registration Deadline: Aug. 30
To register: webtrac.brec.org
More info: athletics@brec.org

• TENNIS LEAGUES •

GENEXIS LEAGUE PREP FOR ADULT BEGINNERS
This program is for adult beginner players who want to improve their tennis skills in preparation to play league tennis.

CITY-BROOKS COMMUNITY PARK TENNIS CENTER
Sept. 9-30 + Oct. 7-28 + Nov. 4-25 + Dec. 2-23
Monday / 7:30-8:30 p.m. / Ages: 18+
Monthly rate: $107.99 per person
Weekly rate: $28 per person
To register: 225-343-3767 webtrac.brec.org
Registration Deadline: Saturday before session
225-907-2897 (Ojo Thompson)

ADULT NOVICE TENNIS LEAGUE
This adult league for beginner players includes six weeks of match play with on-court instruction.

GREENWOOD COMMUNITY PARK TENNIS CENTER
Sept. 11- Oct. 16
Wednesday / 6:30-8 p.m. / Ages: 18+
$60 (includes balls and court fees)
To register: 225-923-2792 webtrac.brec.org
Registration Deadline: Sept. 6
225-216-9264 (Jeremiah Casson)

PROGRAMS

• ATHLETIC PROGRAMS •

Pickleball
Pickleball is a paddle sport created for all ages and skill levels. The rules are simple, and the game is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players. Pickle ball is offered at the following facilities and times for $5 per month or $60 per year per person.

ANTIOCH BOULEVARD PARK
Wednesday / 6-7:45 p.m.
CEDAR RIDGE PARK
Tuesday / 6-8:45 p.m.
Sunday / 4-7:45 p.m.
HIGHLAND ROAD COMMUNITY PARK
Wednesday / 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Friday / 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Saturday / 8 a.m.-noon
KATHY DRIVE PARK
Wednesday / 6-8 p.m.
PLANK ROAD PARK
Tuesday + Thursday / 6-8 p.m.

Tennis Facilities that have Pickleball Lines:
HIGHLAND ROAD COMMUNITY PARK
YOUTH COURTS
$2.50 per hour per court
For Reservations: 225-766-0247

Neighborhood Tennis Courts:
No fee / No reservations (first come, first served)
BARINGER PARK + GOODWOOD PARK + LOVETT ROAD PARK + MANCHAC PARK
• EQUESTRIAN •

ENGLISH & WESTERN RIDING LESSONS
Learn how to ride a horse, or improve on your skills. Farr Park offers riding lessons to students ages six and older at all different levels. Group and private lessons are available.

FARR PARK EQUESTRIAN CENTER
Tuesday-Friday, year-round
Available lesson times: 3:15 + 4:30 + 5:45 + 7 p.m.
Ages: 6+
Group lessons (no more than 5 riders):
$27 for EBR Parish residents
$32 out-of-parish residents
Private lessons:
$47 for EBR Parish residents
$56 out-of-parish residents
More info: frichards@brec.org 225-769-7805

TROT & BREW ADULT HORSEMANSHIP
Adults will meet for half hour of “coffee talk” and then ride for one hour. Learn about horses, riding, care of the horse and more in a fun and relaxed environment. Coffee will be provided. Basic English and Western will be taught in the program.

FARR PARK EQUESTRIAN CENTER
Sept. 9-Nov. 25
Monday / 7:30-9 p.m. / Ages: 25+ / $35 per class
To Register: webtrac.brec.org 225-769-7805
frichards@brec.org

• EXTREME SPORTS •

BMX SKATEPARK & DIRT TRACK CLINICS
BMX Skatepark and Dirt Track clinics are designed to help improve BMX bike riding control, skill, and technique for beginners who have no to minimal riding experience to intermediate riders who have already established the basics of bike control and are looking to make it to the next level.

PERKINS ROAD EXTREME SPORTS PARK
BMX Beginner Skatepark Clinic
Sept. 14 + Oct. 12

BMX Intermediate Skatepark Clinic
Sept. 21 + Oct. 19

BMX Beginner Dirt Track Clinic
Sept. 28 + Oct. 26

BMX Intermediate Dirt Track Clinic
Sept. 7 + Oct. 5 + Nov. 2
Clinics begin at 9 a.m. / $20 per clinic
xsports@brec.org 225-766-9039 (1-9 p.m.)

• TENNIS •

FOREST PARK JUNIOR TENNIS ACADEMY
This is a continuous year-round program separated into semesters. Skill levels include Developmental for ages 5-8 and High Performance for ages 8-18. Developmental is only available Mondays. High Performance is available Monday-Thursday.

FOREST COMMUNITY PARK TENNIS CENTER
Aug. 19-Dec. 12
Monday-Thursday / 4-6 p.m. / Ages: 5-18
Developmental:
$65 per month for Sept.-Nov.
$32.50 per month for Aug. and Dec.
High Performance monthly rates for Sept.-Nov.:
$100 for one day per week
$170 for two days per week
$250 for unlimited (up to four days per week)
High Performance monthly rates for Aug. + Dec.:
$50 for one day per week
$85 for two days per week
$125 for unlimited (up to four days per week)
Registration Deadline: 24 hours prior to class
Same day registrants will incur a $40 walk-on fee
To register: 225-756-3312
Forest Community Park Tennis Center
More info: princestennis@cox.net (Eric Street)

HOME-SCHOOL TENNIS PROGRAM
A six-week program designed especially for home-schooled children. Program includes drills, games, and tennis knowledge.

CITY-BROOKS COMMUNITY PARK TENNIS CENTER
Aug. 28-Oct. 2 + Oct. 16-Nov. 20
Wednesday / 1-2:30 p.m. / Ages: 5-17
$52.99 per person
To register: 225-343-3767  webtrac.brec.org
Registration Deadline: Sunday before the session
More info: 225-907-2897 (Ojo Thompson)

FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS, SEE PAGE 40.
OPEN HOUSE SERIES FOR JUNIORS
Kids come out and learn to play tennis. BREC provides equipment and racquets. Please bring a water bottle and dress to sweat.

CITY-BROOKS COMMUNITY PARK TENNIS CENTER
Aug. 31-Dec. 28
Saturday
8:30-9:30 a.m. / Ages: 6-10
9:30-10:30 a.m. / Ages: 11-16
$2 per person per class
More info: 225-907-2897 (Ojo Thompson)

HIGHLAND PARK JUNIOR TENNIS ACADEMY
This is a continuous year-round program separated into semesters. Skill levels include beginner, advanced beginner, and intermediate.

HIGHLAND ROAD COMMUNITY PARK TENNIS CENTER
Aug. 19-Dec. 12
Monday-Thursday / 4:30-6 p.m. / Ages: 5-17
Semester:
$210 for one day per week
$380 for two days per week
$500 for three or more days per week
Monthly:
$58 for one day per week
$105 for two days per week
$140 for three or more days per week
To register: 225-766-0247
Highland Road Community Park Tennis Center
Registration Deadline: 24 hours prior to class
Same day walk-ins will not be accepted
More info: natjo25@yahoo.com (Natalie Johnson)

BEGINNER ADULT TENNIS CLINIC
Four-week program for adults who want to learn the game of tennis.

INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY PARK TENNIS CENTER
Sept. 4-25 + Oct. 2-23 + Nov. 6-27
Wednesday / 6-7:30 p.m. / Ages: 18+
$40 for all four sessions or $12 per session
To register: 225-923-2792
webtrac.brec.org
Registration Deadline: Friday before the session
More info: jeffreyconyers@gmail.com (Jeff Conyers)

ADVANCED BEGINNER ADULT TENNIS CLINIC
Four-week program for adults who want to fine tune their game.

INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY PARK TENNIS CENTER
Sept. 5-26 + Oct. 3-24 + Nov. 7-Dec. 5 (no class Nov. 28)
Thursday / 6-7:30 p.m. / Ages: 18+
$40 for all four sessions or $12 per session
To register: 225-923-2792
webtrac.brec.org
Registration Deadline: Friday before the session
More info: jeffreyconyers@gmail.com (Jeff Conyers)

HOME-SCHOOL TENNIS PROGRAM
This six-week program is designed especially for home-schooled children. Participants will learn about the game of tennis in a fun learning environment. Program includes drills, games, and tennis knowledge.

INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY PARK TENNIS CENTER
Sept. 5-Oct. 10 + Oct. 24-Dec. 5 (no class Nov. 28)
Thursday / 1:30-3 p.m. / Ages: 6-17
$60 per person
To register: 225-923-2792
Registration Deadline: Friday before the session
More info: 225-923-2792 (Ray Anders)

PEE WEE TENNIS PROGRAM
This six-week program introduces the game of tennis to younger children. Help your child develop motor skills, hand-eye coordination, overall athleticism, and fundamental tennis strokes. Fun is guaranteed.

INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY PARK TENNIS CENTER
Sept. 5-Oct. 10 + Oct. 24-Dec. 5 (no class Nov. 28)
Monday + Wednesday / 4-5 p.m. / Ages: 8-16
$40 per person for one day per week
$65 per person for two days per week
To register: 225-923-2792
webtrac.brec.org
Registration Deadline: Friday before the session
More info: 225-216-9264 (Jeremiah Casson)

AFTER SCHOOL JR. TENNIS PROGRAM
A four-week program for beginners to introduce and reinforce fundamental tennis techniques.

INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY PARK TENNIS CENTER
Sept. 9-Oct. 2 + Oct. 16-Nov. 6 + Nov. 13-Dec. 11
No class Nov. 25 & 27
Monday + Wednesday / 4-5 p.m. / Ages: 8-16
$40 per person for one day per week
$65 per person for two days per week
To register: 225-923-2792
webtrac.brec.org
Registration Deadline: Friday before the session
More info: 225-216-9264 (Jeremiah Casson)

JUNIOR BEGINNER INSTRUCTION
This four-week program for beginners introduces and reinforces fundamental tennis techniques. Walk-ins accepted.

HIGHLAND ROAD COMMUNITY PARK TENNIS CENTER
Sept. 3-24 + Oct. 1-22 + Nov. 5-26
Tuesday / 5-6 p.m. / Ages: 8+
$40 per person
To register: 225-766-0247
webtrac.brec.org
More info: 225-766-0247 (Eugene St. Martin)
JR. ADVANCED BEGINNER INSTRUCTION
This program reinforces fundamental tennis techniques, stroke development, and conditioning for advanced beginners. Walk-ins accepted.
HIGHLAND ROAD COMMUNITY PARK TENNIS CENTER
Sept. 4-25 + Oct. 2-23 + Nov. 6-27
Wednesday / 5-6 p.m. / Ages: 8+
$40 per person
To register: 225-766-0247  webtrac.brec.org
More info: 225-766-0247 (Eugene St. Martin)

BEGINNER ADULT INSTRUCTION
This four-week program for beginners introduces and reinforces fundamental tennis techniques. Walk-ins accepted.
HIGHLAND ROAD COMMUNITY PARK TENNIS CENTER
Sept. 4-25 + Oct. 2-23 + Nov. 6-27
Wednesday / 6-7 p.m. / Ages: 18+
$40 per person
To register: 225-766-0247  webtrac.brec.org
More info: 225-766-0247 (Eugene St. Martin)

STROKES, STRATEGY & PLAY FOR ADULT INTERMEDIATES
This program reinforces stroke development, conditioning, and strategies for adult intermediate players. Walk-ins accepted.
HIGHLAND ROAD COMMUNITY PARK TENNIS CENTER
Sept. 4-25 + Oct. 2-23 + Nov. 6-27
Wednesday / 7-8 p.m. / Ages: 18+
$40 per person
To register: 225-766-0247  webtrac.brec.org
More info: 225-766-0247 (Eugene St. Martin)

SHOW UP & PLAY – BEGINNERS AND INTERMEDIATE ADULT ROUND ROBIN
Just pay court fees. No registration required.
HIGHLAND ROAD COMMUNITY PARK TENNIS CENTER
Sept. 4-25 + Oct. 2-23 + Nov. 6-27
Wednesday / 7-8:30 p.m. / Ages: 18+
Cost of court fees
More info: 225-766-0247 (Eugene St. Martin)

BEGINNER ADULT INSTRUCTION
This four-week program for beginners introduces and reinforces fundamental tennis techniques. Walk-ins accepted.
HIGHLAND ROAD COMMUNITY PARK TENNIS CENTER
Sept. 9-30 + Oct. 7-28 + Nov. 4-25
Monday / 6-7 p.m. / Ages: 18+
$40 per person
To register: 225-766-0247  webtrac.brec.org
More info: 225-766-0247 (Eugene St. Martin)

STROKES, STRATEGY & PLAY FOR ADULT INTERMEDIATES
This program reinforces stroke development, conditioning, and strategies for adult intermediate players. Walk-ins accepted.
HIGHLAND ROAD COMMUNITY PARK TENNIS CENTER
Sept. 9-30 + Oct. 7-28 + Nov. 4-25
Monday / 7-8 p.m. / Ages: 18+
$40 per person
To register: 225-766-0247  webtrac.brec.org
More info: 225-766-0247 (Eugene St. Martin)

PEE WEE CHAMPS
This five-week program is designed to help your child develop motor skills, hand-eye coordination, overall athleticism, and fundamental tennis strokes. Fun is guaranteed!
CITY-BROOKS COMMUNITY PARK TENNIS CENTER
Oct. 7-28
Monday / 3:45-4:30 p.m. / Ages: 3-6
$49.99 per person
To register: 225-343-3767  webtrac.brec.org
Registration Deadline: Sept. 27
NO LATE REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED
More info: 225-907-2897 (Ojo Thompson)

PEE WEE PROGRAM
This four-week program consists of 45-minute classes designed to introduce the game of tennis to younger children. Help your child develop motor skills, hand-eye coordination, overall athleticism, and fundamental tennis strokes. Fun is guaranteed!
HIGHLAND ROAD COMMUNITY PARK TENNIS CENTER
Oct.-Nov.
Saturday / 9:15-10 a.m. / Ages: 3-5
$35 for all four weeks or $10 per week
To register: 225-766-0247  webtrac.brec.org
Registration Deadline: Thursday before the session
No drop-ins.
More info: natjo25@yahoo.com (Natalie Johnson)
Events listed below are for all ages and no fees are associated unless otherwise noted.

**EVENTS**

**SWAMP FINE ART SHOW: FEATHERS, SCALES & TAILS**
Through Sept. 22, stop by Bluebonnet Swamp to view nature-inspired works of art. An artist reception will be held when visitors can meet participating artists, enjoy some light refreshments, and stick around for announcement of the show’s winners after 4 p.m. Prizes are awarded for Visitors’ Choice and Best in Theme in both youth and adult categories. There is no fee to enter artwork and we encourage participation by artists of all ages and skill levels and children too! Interested in entering your artwork? Please submit an Intent to Enter form no later than Aug. 20. Sponsored by BREC Foundation.

BLUEBONNET SWAMP NATURE CENTER
Exhibition Aug. 27-Sept. 22
Artist Reception Sept. 22 / 2:30-4:30 p.m.
General admission fees apply / Free for pass holders
No registration is required to view the show
More info: jguthrie@brec.org 225-757-8905

**FIRST FREE SUNDAYS**
Free guided tours offered on the first Sunday of each month. Special programs of traditional crafts, informative lectures, and family activities are planned for each First Free Sunday.

MAGNOLIA MOUND
Sept. 1 + Oct. 6 + Nov. 3 + Dec. 1
Tours at 1 + 2 + 3 p.m. / All ages
More info: 225-343-4955

**MAKIN IT FOR MAMAW & PAPAW!**
This fun workshop will highlight a project celebrating Grandparent’s Day! Participants will learn the basics of how to draw facial features and will leave with a self-portrait on canvas worthy to hang in any Grandkid gallery!

MILTON J. WOMACK PARK
Sept. 7 / 10:30 a.m.-noon / Ages: 6-10
$15 / $10 each for two+ registered at the same time

**HAIRSPRAY, JR. – AUDITIONS**
Independence Park Theatre will be holding auditions for our first all kids’ production of Hairspray, Jr! Hairspray Jr. is filled with a host of roles for a wide cross-section of students and an abundance of energetic production numbers. You can’t stop the beat in this big and bold adaptation of the Tony Award-winning musical about one girl’s inspiring dream to dance and change the world is coming to our stage!

INDEPENDENCE PARK THEATRE
Sept. 12 / 5:30-7 p.m.
More info: theparktheatre.com 225-216-0660

**MOVIES IN THE PARKS**
All movies begin at dusk, and in the event of inclement weather will be moved inside the facility. All movies are rated PG or below, unless otherwise stated. Refreshments will be available, so bring your blankets or lawn chairs and enjoy the movie in the park under the stars. Open to all ages. Participants under the age of 13 must have parental consent and be accompanied by an adult.

**Bumble Bee (PG-13)**
Families bring your creative minds for a transformer night! Pose for the camera! Come join the fun, create your favorite transformer mask, build beehives and much more!
INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY PARK
Sept. 13 / Activities start at 6 p.m.

**BRECflix Teen Movie Night - Black Panther (PG-13)**
This will be a teen night out you will not forget! Following the movie, there will be fun, food, music, and games where you can win prizes for movie trivia. Please be advised that these movies have content appropriate for children ages 13 and older. Movie will be shown inside the North Sherwood Forest Community Park Theatre.
NORTH SHERWOOD FOREST COMMUNITY PARK
Sept. 28 / Movie starts at 6 p.m. / Ages: 13+

**Movie Night for Adults - 50 First Dates (PG-13)**
Hawaiian Night for couples, friends, singles, no matter your relationship status, grab a blanket or a lawn chair and join BREC for a movie under the stars. Create Lei’s and Tiki’s, as well as team up for active games such as Limbo and 9 Square with First Responders and BREC Staff prior to the start of the movie. Bring your active shoes for an evening of fun and flicks.
HIGHLAND ROAD COMMUNITY PARK
Oct. 18 / 6 p.m. / Ages: 18+

**Coco (PG)**
Bring your kids to see Ralph break the internet! It’s a fun time for families to enjoy crazy recreational fun, with a STEAM themed. Come get your mind energized, the recreational way!
PLANK ROAD PARK
Nov. 16 / Activities start at 6 p.m.
**BEGINNING WATERCOLOR**

In this two-hour class participants will learn the basics of watercolor painting. Topics of investigation include color hues and intensities, graded washes and types of brush strokes. The result will be a graceful and smooth composition.

**Milton J. Womack Park**  
**Oct. 12 / 10 a.m.-noon / Ages: 15+ / $60**

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**MULTICULTURAL BASH**

Do you want to experience more than Cajun culture here in South Louisiana? Come enjoy this opportunity to explore various cultures through song, dance, and arts. Families will also participate in active games such as volleyball, kickball, as well as arts and crafts prior to the start of the program. Light refreshments will also be served.

**Saia Park**  
**Sept. 21 / 4-7 p.m.**

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**GLOBAL COMMUNITY DAY**

The Rotary Club of Baton Rouge-Capital City and BREC are hosting this educational event that promotes diversity and understanding of different cultures. Patrons will be given onsite passports that will be stamped to ensure they visit all country exhibits. Come out for an afternoon that will take you out of the USA!

**Highland Road Community Park**  
**Oct. 6 / 1 p.m.**

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**LOUISIANA STYLE**

Girl Scouts will paint and create a moody wetland mural using unexpected techniques – no brushes allowed – culminating in the creation of a three-dimensional alligator.

**Milton J. Womack Park**  
**Sept. 21 / 9:30-11:30 a.m. / Ages: 7-8 / $12**

To register: theparktheatre.com  
Jguthrie@brec.org  
225-216-0660

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**THE GHRIN**

(Adapted from the Broadway production that won eight Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Hairspray JR. is a show that will celebrate your students’ diversity and bring audiences to their feet with its positive message and uproarious sense of humor.

It’s 1962, and spunky, plus-size teen, Tracy Turnblad, has one big dream — to dance on the popular “Corny Collins Show.” When she finally gets her shot, she’s transformed from social outcast to sudden star. In balancing her newfound power with her desire for justice, Tracy fights to dethrone the reigning Miss Teen Hairspray, Amber von Tussle, and integrate a TV network in the process. With the help of her outsized mom, Edna, and guest DJ, Motormouth Maybelle, the rhythm of Tracy’s new beat just might prove unstoppable.

**Independence Park Theatre**  
**Friday, Oct. 18 / 7 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Oct. 19 / 2 p.m. + 7 p.m.**  
**Sunday, Oct. 20 / 2 p.m.**

**Tickets: $15 Adults / $10 Kids (12 + under)**

To purchase tickets: theparktheatre.com  
225-216-0660

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**SWAMP ART SHOW FIELD DAYS**

Twice a year, artists are invited to visit Bluebonnet Swamp for inspiration in creating works of art that can be entered in upcoming Swamp Art Shows. Whether your creative gear includes canvases or cameras, fabric or pen, come on out and let the swamp inspire you. Bring your own supplies, and we’ll provide workspace indoors and out for you to create your masterpieces! This creative opportunity will also be offered in the spring. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Admission is free for artists. For artists to receive free admission, you must provide contact information at check-in to keep our growing artist directory current.

**Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center**  
**Nov. 16 + 17 / 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
**Advanced registration not required**

More info: Jguthrie@brec.org 225-757-8905


Programs

• Art •

LITTLE PICASSOS
An introduction to the fun aspects of art. Young artists will experience their first encounters with art - using paint, oil pastels, watercolor and mixed media.

HIGHLAND ROAD COMMUNITY PARK
Sept. 4 + 11 + 18 + 25
4:30-5:30 p.m. / Ages: 5-7 / $30

GROWING YOUR CREATIVITY
Feeling the creative blues? Then this workshop is just what you need to waken your creative side! Join author and creative coach Connie McCleod on a guided journey that will inspire through simple exercises, discussion and inner revelations. Workbook included.

WEBB PARK
Sept. 11 (one-hour introductory class) + 25
Oct. 9 + 16 + 23 + 30
6-8 p.m. / Ages: 15+ / $125

CLAY CREATIONS
A basic hand building class for beginners. Artist Terry Kennedy will introduce basic clay hand building techniques and students will create several finished fired pieces over the four class periods.

WEBB PARK
Oct. 1 + 8 + 15 + 22
6-8 p.m. / Ages: 15+ / $100

LOUISIANA LANDSCAPES
This adult painting class will celebrate the beauty of Louisiana landscapes. In the four classes, students will be led through the process of creating an acrylic landscape on canvas. Color mixing, perspective, and technique will all be part of this FUN creative class. No experience needed though seasoned painters are welcome.

BLUEBONNET SWAMP
Nov. 5 + 12 + 19 + 26
10:30 a.m.-noon / Ages: 15+ / $100

• Music •

The following programs begin in Sept. 2019 ending with a recital May 2020 to showcase what is learned. Registration will begin Aug. 6, 2019.

GUITAR
This course is designed for students in a group setting with no previous guitar experience. Students will receive guidance and direction in solving problems related to playing the guitar at a beginning level and will learn many of the different styles, skills and techniques required to become a successful guitarist. Weekly, one-on-one instruction.

JEFFERSON HIGHWAY PARK
Wednesday / 3-6 p.m. / Ages: 6+ / $31 per month

PIANO
Participants will learn techniques and skills in hand-eye coordination, concentration, music appreciation, and self-confidence. This program offers one-on-one instruction and can cater to each individual’s skill level. Each session is 30 minutes. Weekly, one on one instruction.

JEFFERSON HIGHWAY PARK
Monday / 3-8 p.m.

• Dance/Gymnastics •

The following programs begin in Sept. 2019 ending with a recital May 2020 to showcase what is learned. Registration will begin Aug. 6, 2019.

BALLET + TAP + JAZZ
Participants learn a series of modern dance including ballet, jazz, hip hop and tap techniques. These dance routines will focus on technical skills in an one-hour class segment per age group. The classes are broken down into groups based on age and experience.

CEDAR RIDGE PARK + DRUSILLA LANE PARK
Wednesday

HIGHLAND ROAD COMMUNITY PARK + PERKINS ROAD COMMUNITY PARK
Tuesday

T.D. BICKHAM PARK
Tuesday + Wednesday

INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY PARK
Thursday

Ages: 4+

Beginners: $22 per month
Intermediate: $27 per month
Advanced: $36 per month

For Online Registration Information and Instructions, see page 40.
Events listed below are for all ages and no fees are associated unless otherwise noted.

For more information on any of the following programs or events, please call the facility of your choice or visit webtrac.brec.org to register.

Unless stated otherwise, the following programs are offered on a month to month basis with no contract. Registration for fall classes will begin Aug. 6, 2019.

**PROGRAMS**

**BELLY AEROBICS**
This class offers a fun, low-impact workout that incorporates belly dance movements including warm-up, stretching and toning with light weight dumbbells and stretch bands.

INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY PARK
Monday / 5:30-6:30 p.m. / Ages: 16+  
$22 per month

**LINE DANCING**
Our instructor will teach you advanced line dances. Dance helps strengthen your bones without hurting your joints and release stress, so you feel great. Get a workout while you learn to dance like a pro!

HIGHLAND ROAD COMMUNITY PARK
Monday / 5:45-6:45 p.m.  
Advanced: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Ages: 16+ / $30 per month

**LOW IMPACT AEROBICS**
This is a beginner workout plan made to be fun and safe for anyone. We employ a variety of methods to get you moving including aerobics and weight training.

PERKINS ROAD COMMUNITY PARK  
Wednesday / 5:45-6:45 p.m. / $24 per month

PLANK ROAD PARK  
Monday-Thursday / 6-7 p.m. / $30 per month

**MARTIAL ARTS**
Martial Arts class teaches how to exercise the mind, body and spirit through martial arts movements. Participants also learn self-defense skills, self-discipline, and self-confidence. The classes are broken down into ages groups, starting at age 4 and older, as well as levels such as Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced. Please contact the recreation facility below for more information including class time.

ANTIOCH BOULEVARD PARK  
Friday / 6-7 p.m.

**TANG SOO DO**
The Korean martial arts form of the “way of the open hand.”

INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY PARK  
Monday + Wednesday / 5:30-8 p.m. / Ages: 6+  
$25 per month

**ZUMBA®**
Come party yourself into shape with Zumba® classes. Zumba® is a Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow, calorie-burning, and dance-fitness party you do not want to miss. It fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy to follow aerobic moves to create a one of a kind fitness program that is energizing. This class is month to month with no contracts needed, so sign up and start dancing your way to a healthier, more vibrant you!

ANTIOCH BOULEVARD PARK  
Tuesday + Thursday / 6-7 p.m.

GREENWOOD COMMUNITY PARK  
Tuesday + Thursday / 6-7 p.m.

PERKINS ROAD COMMUNITY PARK  
Monday + Wednesday / 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Ages: 16+  
$24 per month for one one-hour class per week  
$30 per month for two one-hour classes per week
Events listed below are for all ages and no fees are associated unless otherwise noted.

**EVENTS**

**SWAMP HAUNTED HIKES**
Bluebonnet Swamp's Haunted Hikes are designed especially for children, but all ages enjoy the spooktacular excitement of these Halloween-themed evenings. Event admission is through the education building where crafts and storytelling are just around the corner. Venture outside to find a way through the Haunted Maze to get to the carnival games for more fun and prizes. Be on the lookout for our silly-swampy costumed characters as they have some great treasures to share! Inside the nature center the kooky-spooky adventures continue with the Animal Morgue, Wings of Hope Wildlife Sanctuary in the Bat Cave, the Creepy Cavern, and face-painting. Don’t be afraid of the dark! At night, head into the woods to get some treats and learn about snakes, insects, rats, and other “creepy critters” at educational stations along the Haunted Hike trail. No scare tactics are used during this program as we strive to create cheerful-not-fearful experiences for our younger participants. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Costumes are welcome and flashlights are recommended. Food vendors will be on site during the event. Join us for a howling good time!

**BLUEBONNET SWAMP NATURE CENTER**
Oct. 11 + 18 + 25
$6 per person
More info: sguidry@brec.org  225-757-8905

**BREC-A-BOO**
Come out dressed in your favorite costumes for a children’s village of fall-themed activities including family/team pumpkin carving, as well as a BOOgie Dance off and movie, Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween (PG), to end the night.

**GREENWOOD COMMUNITY PARK**
Oct. 12 / Activities start at 6 p.m.
More info:  recreationevents@brec.org

**SPooky SPECTRum**
Come visit, if you dare, as HRPO’s ninth annual family-friendly tribute to the bizarre and freakish takes place. We’ll delve into the eerie side of astronomy, physics and aeronautics with creepy science demonstrations, some of which we’ve never used. And don’t forget the campfire stories. Strange sky phenomena, extra dimensions, extraterrestrials. Be warned, we want to make you think!

**HIGHLAND ROAD PARK OBSERVATORY**
Oct. 12 / 6-10 p.m. / Ages: 6+
More info: observatory@brec.org

**BOO AT THE ZOO**
The Zoo invites participants to Boo at the Zoo, a merry-not-scary trick-or-treating extravaganza. Participants should wear their best costumes and visit treat stations throughout the Zoo, take a ride on the Spooky Train Ride or wander through the merry-not-scary Hay Maze.

**BREC’S BATON ROUGE ZOO**
Oct. 19 + 20 + 26 + 27
9:30 a.m.–4 p.m. (Grounds close at 5 p.m.)
All ages
Regular Zoo Admission: $8.75 Adults / $7.75 Seniors
$5.75 Kids (2-12) / Free (Under 2)
More info: info@brzoo.org

**PUMPKIN PADDLE PARADE**
Get into the Halloween spirit with our Pumpkin Paddle Parade, an exciting competition of “float” decorating! You design and decorate a canoe in Halloween décor, and then parade in front of our judges for the chance to win fabulous prizes!

**MILFORD WAMPOLD MEMORIAL PARK**
Oct. 24 / 5:30-7:30 p.m. / Ages 12+
$10-12 Kayak or Paddle Board
More info: outdooradventure@brec.org

**TRICK & TREAT**
Bring the dog and the entire family to this dog-friendly Trick or Treat event. Local pet organizations will be in attendance distributing valuable information, candy for the kiddos and treats for the dogs. Dress up your dog for the Best Costume Contest as well!

**FOREST COMMUNITY DOG PARK**
Oct. 25 / 6-9 p.m.
More info: recreationevents@brec.org
BREC-A-BOO

BREC-a-Boo Children’s Village
Something’s brewing at BREC! Fall Festival is almost here. Get your children’s costumes ready and yours if you dare. There will be a children’s village for ages 10 and under to experience fall themed carnival games, character visits, arts and crafts, as well as music in the park.
FOREST COMMUNITY PARK
Oct. 26 / 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. / Ages: 10 + under

BREC-a-Boo Haunted Hike
For those who dare, come travel with BREC through the history of Forest Community Park through a guided hike, which will begin at dusk. Together we will unveil what this park is really made of and what creatures have lived and do live all around. If under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult to visit the haunted hike (Recommended for ages 10 and older). Be sure to disguise yourself in your best costume and at 7 p.m. we will gather to see you can impress the judges the best.
FOREST COMMUNITY PARK
Oct. 26 / Starts at Dusk (last ticket is given out at 10 p.m.)
Ages: 11+ / $5 per person

EEK-A-BOO!
In this holiday workshop we will create a BOOTIFUL 3-dimensional house! Participants will learn the basics of collage and simple construction and will leave with a piece of art that will celebrate family Hallooween for years to come!
MILTON J. WOMACK PARK
Oct. 26 / 10:30 a.m.-noon / Ages: 8-12
$15 / $10 each for two+ registered at the same time

VETERAN’S DAY AT THE ZOO
Join us as we recognize and honor both those actively serving and those who have served in the armed forces, as well as a special Bald Eagle chat.
BREC’S BATON ROUGE ZOO
Nov. 9
9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. (Grounds close at 5 p.m.)
All ages
Military veterans and active military: Complimentary admission for you and up to five guests; must present a valid military ID
Non-military:
Regular Zoo Admission: $8.75 Adults / $7.75 Seniors $5.75 Kids (2-12) / Free (Under 2)
More info: info@brzoo.org

ZOOLIGHTS
Join us for a mile-long trail through the Zoo and check out more than 50 illuminated display sculptures of animals and traditional holiday displays
BREC’S BATON ROUGE ZOO
Nov. 29-Dec. 30 (Closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day)
5:30-8 p.m. (Grounds close at 9 p.m.)
All ages
Adults/Teens: $5 / Seniors: $4 / Ages 2-12: $3
Friends of the Zoo Members: $3
More info: info@brzoo.org
REINDEER RIDE
Welcome the holiday season with a unique nighttime family bike ride. We will ride up the levee from Farr Park campground to downtown Baton Rouge for Baton Rouge’s Downtown Christmas Lighting Celebration. Participants will leave the levee trail head and join in a colorful bike parade through the downtown area, partake in the holiday festivities, then return to Farr Park together. What better way to start the holiday season than with this event!

FARR PARK EQUESTRIAN CENTER
Dec. 6 / 5:30-8 p.m. / Ages: 12+ / $5 bike rental
More info: outdooradventure@brec.org

MAGNOLIA MOUND
CREOLE CHRISTMAS & HOLIDAY FAIR
An annual event featuring seasonal decorations in the historic house, traditional songs in French and Spanish sung by local school children, period demonstrations, folk crafts, and the annual bonfire to welcome Papa Noel.

MAGNOLIA MOUND
Dec. 8 / 1-6 p.m. / All Ages / No Fee
More info: 225-343-4955

CAMPS
• RECREATION HOLIDAY CAMPS •
OMGEE – KIDS ARE OUT HOLIDAY CAMP
BREC offers holiday camps, which are perfect for school vacations, filled with friends and fun activities. There will be two vacation camps this fall, including Thanksgiving Break and Christmas Break, to follow school schedules (School Schedules to be followed are City of Baker, City of Central, East Baton Rouge Parish Schools and City of Zachary). These camps offer a fun-filled variety of holiday themed recreational curriculums to include arts and crafts, guest speakers, passive and active games, socialization with peers and much more. Must have 15 campers registered three weeks from start date.

Locations:
ANTIOCH BOULEVARD PARK + ALSEN PARK
JACKSON COMMUNITY PARK
HIGHLAND ROAD COMMUNITY PARK
INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY PARK
PLANK ROAD PARK + ZACHARY COMMUNITY PARK
Monday-Friday / 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Grades: Kindergarten-6 / $14 per day
To register: webtrac.brec.org

THEATER ROCKS! – FALL THEATRE CAMP
Our fall theatre camp will offer an appreciation for a variety of theatre formats! From plays, to musical and more! Our campers will have the opportunity to watch and review some of their favorite, kid friendly productions while participating in workshops that review all aspects of theatre magic. The workshops will give insight on acting, singing, costuming and make-up concepts, as well as discussions on the featured productions that will highlight the fundamentals of theatre stagecraft and the hard work that goes into every production no matter how big! If your child has an interest in theatre, this is the camp for them!

INDEPENDENCE PARK THEATRE
Nov. 25-27 / 8 a.m.-5 p.m. / Ages: 8-12
$100 East Baton Rouge Parish residents
$120 Out-of-Parish residents
More info: theparktheatre.com 225-216-0660

FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS, SEE PAGE 40.

HOLIDAY EVENTS + CAMPS
SPACE EXPLORATION CAMPS
Campers review highlights of American space program via interactive demos and games. Each session has a theme (to be chosen). The core activity is the construction and launching of two model rockets.

HIGHLAND ROAD PARK OBSERVATORY
Fall Session: Nov. 25-26
Winter Session: Dec. 30-31
8 a.m.-5 p.m. / Ages: 9-13
$55 East Baton Rouge Parish resident
$66 out-of-parish resident
Fall Session registration begins Sep. 28
Winter Session registration begins Nov. 2
More info: observatory@brec.org 768-9948

SWAMP HOLIDAY CAMPS
Bring your child to Bluebonnet Swamp for two days of seasonal fun during the holiday breaks. They’ll be treated to nature-based activities such as arts and crafts, live animal encounters, hikes, games, and a themed afternoon snack. Campers will need to bring a bag lunch and drink each day. During the Thanksgiving break, campers learn about Autumn’s changing colors, nature explorers, and living off the land. During the Christmas break, it’s all about animal and plant adaptations for surviving winter, migration, and hibernation. Camp pick-up and drop-off happens at the Education Building. Registration for each holiday camp begins on the first of the month prior.

BLUEBONNET SWAMP NATURE CENTER
Fall Session: Nov. 25-26
Winter Session: Dec. 26-27
8 a.m.-4 p.m. / Ages: 7-12
$48 East Baton Rouge Parish residents
$57.60 Out-of-Parish residents
$10 additional fee for early drop-off from 7 a.m. + late pick-up until 6 p.m.
Registration is required (max.: 36 children)
To register: webtrac.brec.org
Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center
More info: sguidry@brec.org 225-757-8905

ZOO HOLIDAY CAMP
The Baton Rouge Zoo offers Zoo Camps year-round including spring break, summer break, fall break and winter break. Every Zoo Camp offers: guided hikes through the Zoo, behind-the-scenes tours, animal encounters, keeper chats, crafts, games and snacks.

BREC’S BATON ROUGE ZOO
Fall Camp: Nov. 25 + 26 + 27
Winter Camp: Dec. 26 + 27 + 30
9 a.m.-4 p.m. / Ages: 5-13
$35 per day East Baton Rouge Parish resident
$42 per day out-of-parish resident
Early drop off at 7:30 a.m. + late pick up until 5:30, with no additional fee. You may sign up for one day, two days, or all three days of fall or winter camp. It’s customizable for your needs.
More info: 225-775-3877 (Option 5) brzoo.org
• TENNIS HOLIDAY CAMPS •

GOBBLE GOBBLE THANKSGIVING TENNIS CAMP
Three-day camp includes tennis instruction. Campers must bring their own lunch.
CITY-BROOKS COMMUNITY PARK TENNIS CENTER
Nov. 25-27
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. / Ages: 6-16
$150.99 per person
To register: 225-343-3767  webtrac.brec.org
Registration Deadline: Nov. 23 / $5 late fee
More info: 225-907-2897 (Ojo Thompson)

THANKSGIVING JR. TENNIS CAMP
INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY PARK TENNIS CENTER
Nov. 25-27
Monday + Tuesday  /  8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Wednesday / 8:30-11:30 a.m.
Ages: 5-16 / $115 per person
To register: 225-923-2792  webtrac.brec.org
Registration Deadline: Nov. 22
More info: 225-216-9264 (Jeremiah Casson)

THANKSGIVING JUNIOR TENNIS CAMP
HIGHLAND ROAD COMMUNITY PARK TENNIS CENTER
Nov. 25-27
Full day: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
$40 per day or $105 for all three days
Half day: 9-11:30 a.m.
$30 per day or $80 for all three days
Ages: 4-16
To register: 225-766-0247  webtrac.brec.org
Registration Deadline: Nov. 24 / $10 late fee
More info: natjo25@yahoo.com (Natalie Johnson)

JINGLE BELLS TENNIS CAMP
Two-day camp included tennis instruction. Campers must bring their own lunch.
CITY-BROOKS COMMUNITY PARK TENNIS CENTER
Dec. 26-27
8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. / Ages: 6-16 / $99.99 per person
To register: 225-343-3767  webtrac.brec.org
Registration Deadline: Dec. 20 / $5 late fee
More info: 225-907-2897 (Ojo Thompson)

AFTER CHRISTMAS JUNIOR TENNIS CAMP
HIGHLAND ROAD COMMUNITY PARK TENNIS CENTER
Dec. 26-27
Full day: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
$40 per day or $70 for both days
Half day: 9-11:30 a.m.
$30 per day or $52 for both days
Ages: 4-16
To register: 225-766-0247  webtrac.brec.org
Registration Deadline: Dec. 21 / $10 late fee
More info: natjo25@yahoo.com (Natalie Johnson)

AFTER CHRISTMAS JR. TENNIS CAMP
INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY PARK TENNIS CENTER
Dec. 26-27
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. / Ages: 5-16 / $105 per person
To register: 225-923-2792  webtrac.brec.org
Registration Deadline: Dec. 20
More info: 225-216-9264 (Jeremiah Casson)

AFTER NEW YEAR JUNIOR TENNIS CAMP
HIGHLAND ROAD COMMUNITY PARK TENNIS CENTER
Jan. 2-3
Full day: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
$40 per day or $70 for both days
Half day: 9-11:30 a.m.
$30 per day or $52 for both days
Ages: 4-16
To register: 225-766-0247  webtrac.brec.org
Registration Deadline: Dec. 28 / $10 late fee
More info: natjo25@yahoo.com (Natalie Johnson)
LEISURE EVENTS

BREC.ORG/KIDSANDCOMMUNITY

Events listed below are for all ages and no fees are associated unless otherwise noted.

EVENTS

BREW AT THE ZOO
Join us at our 6th annual Brew at the Zoo! A summer temperatures wanes and the leaves begin to change colors, guests are welcome to come to the Zoo for an evening of food, beer, music, and more. Come and sample dozens of craft beers and munch on many of our area’s pub favorites. This event sells-out every year!

BREC’S BATON ROUGE ZOO
Oct. 4 / 7-10 p.m. / Ages: 21+
$50 General Admission / $100 VIP
$20 Designated Driver
Pre-purchased tickets are required for entry
brzoobrew.org

PROGRAMS

JUMPING GYMNASTICS
Participants will learn beginner to advance levels of gymnastic skills through a series of organized drills and strength programs. Students develop flexibility, strength, balance, coordination and self-confidence through recreation.

JACKSON COMMUNITY PARK
Tuesday
5:30-6:30 p.m. / Beginner / $22 per month
6:30-7:30 p.m. / Intermediate / $27 per month
7:30-8:30 p.m. / Advanced / $36 per month
Ages: 4-16

LET’S GO LEGOS
Come explore everything Lego! There will be a different Lego challenge each week given to the children, whether it is building an actual Lego figurine, or an arts and crafts to engage the children’s creative thinking.

LONGFELLOW PARK
Monday / 5:30-6:30 p.m. / Ages: 8-12

MOVE YOUR MOUNTAIN, LOW IMPACT
This class emphasizes low impact moves for cardiovascular conditioning and overall toning. Partnership with Star Hill Baptist Church.

GUS YOUNG PARK
Monday / 6-7 p.m. / Ages: 16+

SATURDAY CAMP
Every Saturday, community youth participate in a series of planned activities that can enhance their social, academic, cultural arts and critical thinking skills while having lots of fun. This free program, offered in partnership with the YMCA and Abounding Love Ministries, operates from Sept. 15, 2019-May 24, 2020. Call the center for more information.

SAIA PARK
Saturday / 8:30 a.m.-noon / Ages: 5-13

TINY STEPS
BREC offers this Mother’s Day Out Program to get your little one prepared for school. The recreation-based curriculum will provide your child with the academic and social tools they’ll need for Kindergarten success. It includes organized recreational games, creative art projects, singing and dancing, while socializing with their peers. Staff will promote physical fitness and health through exercise and fun, and healthy snacks are provided. Registration will begin Aug. 6, 2019.

Locations:
ANTIOCH BOULEVARD PARK
JACKSON COMMUNITY PARK
ZACHARY COMMUNITY PARK
Sept. 3, 2019- May 15, 2020
Monday-Thursday / 9 a.m.-noon
Ages: 3-5 (must be potty-trained) / $54 per month
To register: webtrac.brec.org

YOUTH 360
Are you looking for an after-school program that will bring your child from their school to their local recreation center? Youth 360 works with the local school systems to make this happen. This program is designed to provide learning through a recreational curriculum to include 360 degrees of nutritional snacks, homework time, socialization, arts and crafts, guest speakers and activities to include health and wellness. This program follows local school schedules and registration begins July 9.

Locations:
ALSEN PARK
ANTIOCH BLVD. PARK
JACKSON COMMUNITY PARK
ZACHARY COMMUNITY PARK
Aug.-May
Monday-Friday / 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Grades: Kindergarten-6 / $60 per month
To register: webtrac.brec.org

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SUMMER’S END NIGHT HIKE & CAMPFIRE
Join us for a night in September for a great way to say goodbye to summer and kick-off the school year. Program will include a night hike learning about local ecology and nocturnal animals and will include activities and games. End the night around a campfire roasting marshmallows and learning local folk lore. Come enjoy this great way to get the family out in nature as the summer heat subsides. Children must be accompanied by an adult and able to complete a 2.5 mile hike in the dark without a light. Scout troops should email in advance of online registration to ensure spaces available.

MANCHAC PARK
Sept. 6 / 7-9 p.m.

ZACHARY COMMUNITY PARK
Sept. 13 / 7-9 p.m.

Ages: 8+ / $5 per person
Registration is required by noon the day of the event
To register: webtrac.brec.org
Purchase a ticket through the “Ticket” button
No need to bring ticket with you to the event
More info: conservation@brec.org

WOODS WALK HIKING SERIES
Have you ever walked through a BREC park and wondered what type of trees you were looking at or what kind of animals live there? If so, now you can pick the brain of a BREC naturalist while enjoying a hike in one of BREC’s Conservation Areas. These guided hikes cover a different topic in ecology each hike while exploring nature at alternating parks. Children must be accompanied by an adult and able to complete a 2-mile hike without a stroller.

FRENCHTOWN CONSERVATION AREA
Sept. 28 / 9-11 a.m.

KENDALWOOD CONSERVATION AREA
Nov. 9 / 9-11 a.m.

Ages: 6+ / No Fee
Registration required by 3 p.m. Friday before this event
To register: brec.org/WoodsWalkRegistration
More info: conservation@brec.org

DOG DAY AT THE SWAMP
With our Dog Days, BSNC drops its “No Pets” policy and opens its doors and trails to pets once per season! All leashed pets are welcome, but vaccinations should be current.

BLUEBONNET SWAMP NATURE CENTER
Sept. 21 + Dec. 21 / 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
General admission fees apply / No fee for pass holders
More info: sguidry@brec.org 225-757-8905

Events listed below are for all ages and no fees are associated unless otherwise noted.
GEAUX FISH CATFISH RODEO
Grab your fishing pole and head to Burbank Soccer Complex with the family to GEAUX Fish! Our Geaux Fish Rodeos are a great opportunity to introduce new anglers to the sport of fishing or for the old veteran to test their skills. We will be stocking the pond with adult channel catfish to ensure you have plenty to catch and prizes galore. Don’t miss this chance to bring home channel catfish for dinner and spend the day outside with the family. This event is weather dependent. Please register in advance by filling out the form at brec.org/geauxfish. Registration the morning of will also be available.

BURLINGTON SOCCER COMPLEX FISHING POND
Oct. 12 / 7:30-11:30 a.m. / All Ages / No fee
Registration: 8 a.m.
Rodeo: 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Winners Announced: 11 a.m.
To register: brec.org/geauxfish
Online registration closes October 10
More info: conservation@brec.org
Sponsored by: The Atchafalaya Natural Heritage Area

REVIVE YOUR MIND HIKE
Forest bathing, Nature Rx, Ecotherapy, Green Peace...it’s been called many things, but the message is the same, NATURE is good for you! If life has you spinning, and you feel out of balance this is the hike for you. We will be using time in nature to slow down and take a break through mindful, purposeful observation. We will be hiking off the beaten path at BREC’s largest Conservation Area using the outdoors as a window to relaxation and a free mind. Join us to get a well-deserved dose of nature at its finest. This program is geared towards adults but children 13 and older are welcome to attend.

FRENCHTOWN ROAD CONSERVATION AREA
Nov. 2 / 9-11 a.m. / Ages: 13+ / $3 per person
Registration is required by Nov. 1 at noon
To register: webtrac.brec.org
Purchase a ticket through the “Ticket” button
No need to bring ticket with you to the event
More info: conservation@brec.org

SCOUT DAY AT THE ZOO
Join us for Scout Day! A chance for Girl Scouts to learn about animals and do a scavenger hunt throughout the Zoo. And, even earn a badge in the process!

BREC’S BATON ROUGE ZOO
Nov. 2 / 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. (Grounds close at 5 p.m.)
All Ages
Regular Zoo Admission: $8.75 Adults / $7.75 Seniors
$5.75 Kids (2-12) / Free (Under 2)
To register: kshipp@gsle.org

SWAMP FLASHLIGHT NIGHT
Take an evening stroll through Bluebonnet Swamp once per season during our Swamp Flashlight Nights! Bring your family and friends for a fun group outing or head out on the trails solo to enjoy this BREC park after hours. Before or after your night hike, meet some of our resident educational animals in the nature center. The swamp trails can be really dark at night – so don’t forget to bring a flashlight. If you don’t have one, check out our gift shop for some options. Close-toed shoes and insect repellent are recommended.

BLUEBONNET SWAMP NATURE CENTER
Nov. 15 / 5-9 p.m.
General admission fees apply / No fee for pass holders
More info: squidry@brec.org 225-757-8905

NATURAL SKY CONFERENCE
We inadvertently block our view of the sky, using a curtain of dust particles illuminated by badly designed streetlamps and other nighttime fixtures. This conference will be aimed at those individuals and organizations in town that have a direct ability to quell the light pollution in the area. Invitees will answer questions (seen beforehand) about what they will be actively doing within the next 12 months to lessen the light pollution in the area.

HIGHLAND ROAD PARK OBSERVATORY
Nov. 22 / 6-9 p.m. / Ages: 11+
More info: observatory@brec.org
GREEN FORCE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Come join our volunteer force and help us make a greener, healthier East Baton Rouge Parish! We are looking for individuals who are interested in being trained in conservation management and educational outreach in order to help us achieve our goals. We need volunteers who are interested in working with us consistently throughout the year and benefit from the many perks of being a volunteer like getting to spend time outdoors, knowing you are creating healthier ecosystems and other perks like t-shirts, water bottles and tax breaks. Volunteers who complete this training will be eligible to be in our official volunteer force capable of working in the field without BREC staff supervision.

INDEPENDENCE GARDEN EVENT CENTER
Dec. 7 / 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. / Ages: 18+
No Fee / Lunch provided
Register by Monday, Nov. 18 at 5 p.m.
Registration is required and is a two-step process.

To register: brec.org/conservationvolunteer
Fill out the form. You will be sent the official volunteer form to complete and return. A background check will be completed prior to the training date.

More info: conservation@brec.org  225-388-3029

GEMINID METEOR SHOWER
The Geminids are one of the major meteor showers of the year—the only one caused by an asteroid. Come join us and see if we can catch some “earthgrazers”! It is important that visitors enter the main building to sign in and receive instructions before setting up any chairs or blankets. HRPO is the only BREC property on which the public is allowed for viewing this event.

HIGHLAND ROAD PARK OBSERVATORY
Dec. 13 (may shift by one day) / 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

More info: observatory@brec.org  225-768-9948

ZOO & ME MORNING
This program will incorporate many exciting activities including a train ride, animal encounters, art projects, “Zooper” snacks and many other hands-on projects that you and your child can enjoy together.

BREC’S BATON ROUGE ZOO
Sept. 10: Geaux Tigers
Oct. 8: Hoofin’ It
Nov. 12: Flamingo Fandango
Dec. 10: Happy Hibernators
9:30-11:30 a.m. / Ages: 3-5
$18 per session for one child with one guardian
$12 for each additional person (adult or child)
Pre-registration is required
To register: 225-775-3877 (Option 5)

ASTRONOMY LECTURE SERIES
For over twenty years, this program has given patrons histories and possible futures. Skygazing tips, physics phenomena, space programs and famous events are covered.

HIGHLAND ROAD PARK OBSERVATORY
Most Fridays (visit hrpo.lsu.edu for complete schedule)
7:30-8:30 p.m. / Ages: 14+

More info: observatory@brec.org  225-768-9948

SCIENCE ACADEMY
“Cadets” are brought into the wonderful world of astronomy. They explore gravity, simple machines, stars, planets, meteors, the Earth and the Moon, asteroids and comets, the electromagnetic spectrum and the American space program! Each session is stand-alone, but your child will want to attend again and again.

HIGHLAND ROAD PARK OBSERVATORY
Most Saturdays (visit hrpo.lsu.edu for complete schedule)
10 a.m.-noon / Ages: 8-12

More info: observatory@brec.org  225-768-9948

PLUS NIGHTS
Periodically, HRPO gives something extra to visitors in addition to standard viewing: a sky tour, physical science demonstrations, filtered lunar trips, “birth” stars and a marshmallow roast.

HIGHLAND ROAD PARK OBSERVATORY
Sept. 28 + Nov. 30 / 7-10 p.m.

More info: observatory@brec.org  225-768-9948

SOLAR VIEWING
Weather permitting on selected Saturdays, HRPO staff shows the Sun in three manners—projected onto a white surface, directly via safely-filtered optical light and directly with a hydrogen-alpha telescope. With these techniques, visitors can see any sizable sunspots or flares occurring. Protective clothing and sunscreen recommended.

HIGHLAND ROAD PARK OBSERVATORY
Sept. 14 + Oct. 26 + Nov. 23 + Dec. 14 / noon-2 p.m.

More info: observatory@brec.org  225-768-9948
SWAMP BIRD WALKS
Led by a member of the Baton Rouge Audubon Society, on the first Saturday of every month, visitors can enjoy a morning hike through the trails at Bluebonnet Swamp while identifying various bird species. Beginners are welcome and encouraged to inquire regarding bird-watching and identification techniques. Field guides and binoculars are optional but recommended and available in limited supply. Want a more hands-on experience with birds? Volunteer with the Louisiana Bird Observatory during routine bird banding sessions at Bluebonnet Swamp. For more information on LABO and their activity schedule, visit www.braudubon.org/lab.

BLUEBONNET SWAMP NATURE CENTER
Sept. 7 + Oct. 5 + Nov. 2 + Dec. 7  /  7-9 a.m.
General admission fees apply
No fee for pass holders + Baton Rouge Audubon Society members
Registration not required
More info: sguidry@brec.org  225-757-8905

SWAMP BIRD TALKS
Throughout the school year, the Baton Rouge Audubon Society (BRAS) presents guest speakers focusing on all sorts of bird-related topics. Seating is limited and registration is recommended to reserve a spot. For information regarding dates and topics, please visit braudubon.org. Please call to confirm before attending. Sponsored by the Baton Rouge Audubon Society.

BLUEBONNET SWAMP NATURE CENTER
EDUCATION BUILDING
Sept.-Dec. / 7-9 p.m.
General admission fees apply
No fee for passholders + BRAS members
Registration is recommended through BRAS
More info:  braudubon.org  225-757-8905

TRAIL TIME FOR TODDLERS
Trail Time for Toddlers is a unique playgroup opportunity for children, ages 2-5, and their parents/guardians to make new friends while learning about nature through themed indoor and outdoor activities. Come enjoy the sights and sounds of Bluebonnet Swamp with trail walks, crafts, storytelling, live animal encounters, and healthy snacks. Themes change from week to week, and none are repeated within a calendar year. Participants sign up for a month at a time and can choose to attend the Wednesday or Thursday sessions. Special weekend sessions may be scheduled to accommodate working parents; contact staff for more information. Registration for each month begins on the 1st of the month prior.

BLUEBONNET SWAMP NATURE CENTER
Session 1: Sept. 4-16
Session 2: Oct. 2-24
Session 3: Nov. 6-14
Wednesday + Thursday  /  9:30-11:30 a.m.
Ages: 2-5 (with accompanying adult)
$30 per month (4 sessions) EBR Parish residents
$36 per month (4 sessions) out-of-parish residents
To register: webtrac.brec.org
Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center
More info: sguidry@brec.org  225-757-8905

SWAMP SCHOOL
Picking up where Trail Time for Toddlers leaves off, Swamp School continues nature-based education for children ages 6-10. With more of a focus on science content, we continue hands-on fun through outdoor exploration, arts and crafts, live animal encounters, and healthy snacks. This is a perfect opportunity for homeschool parents to supplement their science education curricula in a natural setting. The program is held twice a month and themes change each class. Registration for each month begins on the 1st of the month prior.

BLUEBONNET SWAMP NATURE CENTER
Sept. 10 + Sept. 24 + Oct. 8 + Oct. 22 + Nov. 12
Tuesday  /  2-4 p.m.
Ages: 6-10 with accompanying adult
$15 per child for East Baton Rouge Parish residents
$18 per child for out-of-parish residents
To register: webtrac.brec.org
Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center
More info: sguidry@brec.org  225-757-8905

FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS, SEE PAGE 40.
Events listed below are for teens and no fees are associated unless otherwise noted.

BREC is calling all teens, who are seeking a safe and positive environment that will enhance their socialization skills while teaching responsibility, leadership and promoting self-esteem. We are starting from the ground up and want YOU to be involved. If you want to be where the action is or assist in creating the action, while getting involved with your community - that will make your parents proud - join US!*

For more information on any of the following programs or events, please email McKinley at mckinley.williams@brec.org.

**EVENTS**

**BRECFLIX TEEN MOVIE NIGHT**
This will be a teen night out you will not forget! Following the movie, there will be fun, food, music, and games where you can win prizes for movie trivia. Please be advised that these movies have content appropriate for children ages 13 and older. Movie will be shown inside the facility. Teens will have the opportunity to vote on Sept. 28 for which movie will be shown at the second event on Dec. 6.

**Black Panther** (PG-13)
NORTH SHERWOOD COMMUNITY PARK
Sept. 28 / 6-8 p.m. / Ages: 13-17

**Movie to be Announced**
INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY PARK
Dec. 6 / 6-8 p.m. / Ages: 13-17

**SILENT DJ PARTY**
A fun-filled event where teens will get a chance to enjoy a silent party in their own space! Each teen will be able to listen to their music of choice on wireless headphones.

BAKER PARK
Nov. 2 / 6-8 p.m. / Ages: High school students
Fitness Centers

Affordable and convenient workout options for the community, including gym services, aerobics classes and senior citizen programs. BREC also offers fitness and wellness classes to people throughout the parish in recreational center programming. Fitness membership passes starting as low as $15 per month, please visit the facility of your choice or brec.org/fitness for more information.

Locations:
ANNA T. JORDAN COMMUNITY PARK FITNESS CENTER
1750 Stilt St. / 225-775-1707
Milton J. Womack Fitness Center
6201 Florida Blvd. / 225-388-3004
North Sherwood Forest Community Park Fitness Center
3140 North Sherwood Forest Dr. / 225-275-0568
Santa Maria Golf Course Fitness Center
18460 Santa Maria Ave. / 225-753-9372

For membership information: brec.org/fitness

Recreation Facilities

BREC’s recreation centers are available to rent for recreational activities, birthday parties, meetings, family reunions and more! For more information on hours of operation, events, programs, or rentals - call the facility of your choice or visit brec.org/recreationcenters.

Typical hours of operation for the following facilities are Monday-Friday, 3:30-8 p.m. If you need information outside those hours, please call BREC’s Recreation Office Monday-Friday, between the hours of 8 a.m.-5 p.m. for facilities hours of operation.

Rec Centers

ALASKA STREET PARK
3014 Alaska St., 70802 / 225-346-1311
brec.org/alaska
ALSEN PARK
601 Old Rafe Meyer Road, 70807 / 225-774-8078
brec.org/alsen
ANNA T. JORDAN COMMUNITY PARK
1750 Stilt St., 70807 / 225-775-1707
brec.org/annatjordan
ANTIOCH BOULEVARD PARK
6229 Antioch Blvd., 70817 / 225-752-8316
brec.org/antioch
BAKER RECREATION CENTER
1420 Alabama St., 70714 / 225-778-0779
brec.org/bakerreccenter
BARINGER ROAD PARK
7401 Baringer Road, 70817 / 225-751-3733
brec.org/baringer
BELFAIR “FREE DREAMS” TEEN CENTER
4390 Fairfields Ave., 70802 / 225-355-7091
brec.org/belfair
BEN BURGE PARK
9350 Antigua Dr., 70810 / 225-766-8616
brec.org/benburge
CADILLAC STREET PARK
6000 Cadillac St., 70811 / 225-355-3505
brec.org/cadillac
CEDAR RIDGE PARK
13300 Cedar Ridge Dr., 70817 / 225-751-2563
brec.org/cedaridge

Church Street Park
3210 Church St., 70791 / 225-654-9861
brec.org/churchstreet

Closed Temporarily for Renovations

In an effort to make your parks even better than imagined, the highlighted recreation centers are temporarily closed for renovations. All programs previously located at these facilities have been temporarily moved to other locations.

Thank you for your patience!
CITY-BROOKS AT MCKINLEY MIDDLE
1550 Eddie Robinson Sr. Dr., 70808 / 225-387-1482
brec.org/citybrooks

DRUSILLA LANE PARK
2546 Drusilla Lane, 7080 / 225-927-6882
brec.org/drusilla

EXPRESSWAY PARK
935 South 11th St., 70802 / 225-343-7110
brec.org/expressway

FLANACHER ROAD PARK
864 Flanacher Road, 70791 / 225-654-2617
brec.org/flancher

FLANNERY ROAD PARK
801 Flannery Road, 70815 / 225-272-4615
brec.org/flannery

FOREST COMMUNITY PARK
13900 S. Harrell’s Ferry Road, 70816 / 225-275-9819
brec.org/forest
CLOSED TEMPORARILY FOR RENOVATIONS

GREENWOOD COMMUNITY PARK
13350 Hwy 19, 70714 / 225-620-0500
brec.org/greenwood
CLOSED TEMPORARILY FOR RENOVATIONS

GUS YOUNG AVENUE PARK
4200 Gus Young Ave., 70802 / 225-926-5848
brec.org/gusyoung

HAMILTON PARK
16200 Hamilton Ave., 70819 / 225-272-1917
brec.org/hamilton
CLOSED TEMPORARILY FOR RENOVATIONS

HIGHLAND ROAD COMMUNITY PARK
14024 Highland Road, 70810 / 225-767-4003
brec.org/highland

HOOPER ROAD PARK
6261 Guynell Road, 70811 / 225-357-7903
brec.org/hooperroad

HOWELL COMMUNITY PARK
5509 Winbourne Ave., 70805 / 225-357-5374
brec.org/howell
RECREATION CENTER AND GYM CLOSED TEMPORARILY FOR RENOVATIONS

HOWELL PLACE GYM
7717 Howell Blvd., 70807 / 225-357-4779
brec.org/howellplace

INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY PARK
7500 Independence Blvd., 70806 / 225-928-7860
brec.org/independence

JACKSON COMMUNITY PARK
12250 Sullivan Road, 70818 / 225-261-2161
brec.org/jackson

JEFFERSON HIGHWAY PARK
8133 Jefferson Hwy., 70809 / 225-926-9834
brec.org/jeffersonhighway

KATHY DRIVE PARK
1801 Kathy Dr., 70816 / 225-275-9819
brec.org/kathydrive

KERNAN AVENUE PARK
333 Kernan Ave., 70806 / 225-381-0067
brec.org/kernanavenue

KERR WARREN PARK
4100 Geronimo St., 70805 / 225-356-5118
brec.org/kerrwarren

LONGFELLOW PARK
5201 Longfellow Dr., 70805 / 225-357-2760
brec.org/longfellow

LOVETT ROAD PARK
13443 Lovett Road, 70818 / 225-261-2161
brec.org/lovettroad
CLOSED TEMPORARILY FOR RENOVATIONS

MAPLEWOOD PARK
8200 Maplewood Ave., 70812 / 225-357-7357
brec.org/maplewood
CLOSED TEMPORARILY FOR RENOVATIONS

MAYFAIR PARK
655 S. Sabine Dr., 70810 / 225-767-0710
brec.org/mayfair

MILLS AVENUE PARK
424 Woodpecker St., 70807 / 225-778-1288
brec.org/millsavenue

MILTON J. WOMACK PARK
6201 Florida Blvd., 70806 / 225-388-3004
brec.org/womack

MONTE SANO PARK
2727 Greenwell St., 70805 / 225-357-9989
brec.org/montesano

NORTH 14TH STREET PARK
1400 North 14th St., 70802 / 225-343-0228
brec.org/north14thstreet

NORTH SHERWOOD FOREST COMMUNITY PARK
3140 N. Sherwood Forest Dr., 70814 / 225-275-0568
brec.org/northsherwood

NORTH STREET PARK
4100 North St., 70806 / 225-383-0563
brec.org/northstreet

PALOMINO DRIVE PARK
14100 Palomino Dr., 70739 / 225-262-2396
brec.org/palomino

PARKLAWN ADULT LEISURE CENTER
12248 Parklawn Ave., 70816 / 225-751-0823
brec.org/parklawn
PERKINS ROAD COMMUNITY PARK
7122 Perkins Road, 70808 / 225-766-5209
brec.org/perkins

PLANK ROAD PARK
19550 Plank Road, 70791 / 225-654-8401
brec.org/plankroad

REAMES ROAD PARK
23223 Reames Road, 70791 / 225-654-8190
brec.org/reamesroad

RED OAKS PARK
2100 Greenoaks Dr., 70815 / 225-275-7320
brec.org/redoaks

SAIA PARK
855 N. Donmoor Ave., 70806 / 225-927-5092
brec.org/saia

SHARP ROAD ADULT LEISURE CENTER
500 Sharp Road, 70814 / 225-273-3924
brec.org/sharproad

SPORTS ACADEMY
1002 Laurel St., 70802 / 225-344-9688
brec.org/sportsacademy

T.D. BICKHAM PARK
6850 Pettit Road, 70714 / 225-774-9513
brec.org/tdbickham

TOM “PETE” PURVIS AT NAIRN DRIVE PARK
2900 Valley St., 70808 / 225-923-2720
brec.org/nairn

WEBB PARK ADULT LEISURE CENTER
1351 Country Club Road, 70814 / 225-379-8510
brec.org/webb

ZACHARY COMMUNITY PARK
2005 Old Scenic Hwy., 70791 / 225-654-4261
brec.org/zachary

INTERACTIVE GAME ROOMS
Available for birthday parties, group rentals and health and wellness programs.

ANNA T. JORDAN COMMUNITY PARK
More information or to rent: ☎ 225-775-1707

MILTON J. WOMACK PARK
More information or to rent: ☎ 225-388-3004

NORTH SHERWOOD FOREST COMMUNITY PARK
More information or to rent: ☎ 225-275-0568
**Facility Information**

**Aquatics**

brec.org/aquatics  225-923-3202

**Liberty Lagoon**

111 Lobdell Ave  225-923-3202
libertylagoon.com

Closed for the Season
Will resume operations April 2020

**Hours of Operation:**
Monday-Thursday: 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
Sunday: noon-6:30 p.m.
(The facility will be cleared at 6:15 p.m. each day)

**Admissions:**
12 Months and younger: FREE
(Admission will be charged if age is questionable)
Under 48” tall: $10
Over 48” tall: $12
Public Lockers: available on-site (rental fee)

**Season Passes:**
Session Pass: $59.99+tax
(Valid for the 2019 Operational Season: Monday - Friday)
Season Pass with Shockwave: $149.99+tax
(Valid for the 2019 Operational Season: Sunday-Saturday)

**Rentals + Party Packages**
Liberty Lagoon is the perfect place to celebrate a birthday under one of our spacious pavilions. You can also rent one to ensure that you and your family have a special place to enjoy the park.

Reservation begin April 8.
Liberty Lagoon Guest Services window
Monday-Friday / 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Liberty Bell Pavilion - up to 36 guests
Patriot Pavilion - up to 36 guests
Colonial Pavilion - up to 36 guests
Presidential Pavilion - up to 75 guests
Independence Pavilion - up to 75 guests
Freedom Deck - up to 50 guests

For information about Exclusive Water Park Rentals (access to the water park for three hours with up to 900 guests), Private Summer Camp Reservations, or any additional information about the facility, please visit libertylagoon.com.

**Pools**
Pools are open from May 25-Aug. 4 from 2-5 p.m. daily. Pool hours are subject to change based on operations and/or inclement weather. Fee: $1 per person

**City-Brooks Community Park Pool**
1650 Eddie Robinson, Sr. Drive

**Howell Community Park Pool**
5509 Winbourne Avenue

**Anna T. Jordan Community Park Pool**
1750 Stilt Street

**Splash Pads**
Cool off from the heat at one of BREC’s splash pads. The BREC splash pads are interactive water play areas with no standing water. Anyone can activate the water spray features by simply pushing the activator button located within the splash pad. This will engage the water system and will run for approximately 12 minutes and turn off. Pushing the button will activate the system again.

**Dates & Times of Operation:**
March-October, daily from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

**Locations:**
City-Brooks Community Park
1650 Eddie Robinson Sr. Dr.

Forest Community Park
13900 South Harrell’s Ferry Road

Greenwood Community Park
13350 Hwy. 19

Highland Road Community Park
14024 Highland Road

Jackson Community Park
12250 Sullivan Road

North Sherwood Community Park
3140 North Sherwood Forest Dr.

Zachary Community Park
20055 Old Scenic Hwy.

**Baton Rouge Zoo**

BREC’s Baton Rouge Zoo is a place where people connect with animals. We are committed to providing excellence in animal care and welfare, education, recreation, conservation and research that collectively inspire respect for nature.

3601 Thomas Road  225-775-3877
brzoo.org
**Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center**

BREC’s Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center is a 103-acre facility dedicated to connecting people with nature through conservation, education, recreation and tourism. More than one mile of gravel paths and boardwalks link varied habitats where visitors might see a variety of wildflowers, insects, birds, small animals, amphibians and reptiles. Programs are offered throughout the year including school field trips, holiday and summer camps, toddler time, birding sessions, special events, facility rentals and more.

📍 10503 N. Oak Hills Parkway  📞 225-757-8905

**BREC on the Geaux Mobile Recreation**

BREC on the Geaux is a traveling recreation program designed to combat obesity and provide recreational activities in East Baton Rouge Parish’s socioeconomically deprived communities. The program operates year-round from two colorful, 14-foot box trucks loaded with a variety of physically active game equipment for all ages and has capabilities of reaching up to 40 locations per week during school holidays.

BREC on the Geaux is available for school recess, afterschool visits and health related community events with priority given to events held in underserved communities. The mobile units may also be reserved for company events, birthday parties and family reunions held at BREC facilities or approved public locations.

Participants engage in a host of moderate to high cardiovascular endurance and muscle strength activities (to include but not be limited to) funky moves, First Tee Golf, rim basketball, disc golf, mini trampolines, slack lines, jump ropes, stacking buckets, hula hoops, obstacle challenge courses, scooter races, soccer kick, football, and other relay activities.

This program was made possible in 2012 by the funding and support from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana Foundation’s Challenge for a Healthier Louisiana grant, Pennington Biomedical Research Center and the BREC Foundation.

**RENTAL PROCESS**

All reservation requests must be approved two weeks prior to the event date.

**RENTAL FEES**

- $100 per hour (minimum of two hours per rental)
- Up to 100 participants / Basic play equipment
- Two staff members
- $200 per hour (minimum of two hours per rental)
- 100+ participants / Larger selection of event equipment
- Three or more qualified staff members

For more information about BREC on the Geaux services or to download a reservation form:

🔗 BREC.ORG/BRECONTHEGEAUX
📞 225-272-9200 EXT 1558

**COHN ARBORETUM**

This beautifully landscaped, heavily wooded land is used for the preservation and study of native plants and flora from other areas. BREC’s Cohn Arboretum is free and open to the public and features more than 300 species of native and adaptable trees and shrubs, a fruit orchard, butterfly garden and bamboo collection. Amenities include pamphlets, paved walkways, self-guided and guided tours. A one-mile paved trail circles the lake and another lake skirts a wooded area. Both are wheelchair accessible.

📍 12206 Foster Road  📞 225-620-0550

**Conservation Areas**

BREC’s Conservation Department is dedicated to complete its mission through the Natural Resource Management Plan in order to better the lives of East Baton Rouge Parish residents. The goals of BREC’s Conservation Department are to promote recreation and education activities focusing on appreciation and understanding of the natural environment; protect unique and historically representative habitats within East Baton Rouge Parish; and to reduce the loss of species.

🔗 BREC.ORG/CONSERVATION

**Hours of Operation**

Open sunrise to sunset.

**Locations**

- BLUEBONNET SWAMP NATURE CENTER (103 acres)
  10503 N. Oak Hills Parkway, 70810
- BLACKWATER CONSERVATION AREA (62 acres)
  9385 Blackwater Road, 70814
- FRENCHTOWN CONSERVATION AREA (496 acres)
  17819 Frenchtown Road, Central, 70739
- DOYLE’S BAYOU PARK (97 acres)
  7801 Port Hudson-Pride Road, Zachary, 70791
- SANDY CREEK COMMUNITY PARK (386 acres)
  Carson Road, Pride, 70770
- HOOPER ROAD PARK (150 acres)
  6261 Hooper Road, 70811
- KENDALWOOD Rd. PARK (85 acres)
  26501 Kendalwood Rd., 70817

Additional Fees:

- $250 refundable damage deposit
- 20% will be charged to all out-of-parish events

For more information about BREC on the Geaux services or to download a reservation form:

🔗 BREC.ORG/BRECONTHEGEAUX
📞 225-272-9200 EXT 1558
Facility Information

Dog Parks

BREC’s Dog Parks provide a safe and open, off-leash public green space designated and properly secured for dogs to run free with other dogs and owners. The dog parks also provide a venue for dog-related organizations to host special events and training classes.

**BURBANK DOG PARK AT BURBANK SPORTS COMPLEX**
12400 Burbank Dr.

**RAISING CANE’S DOG PARK AT CITY-BROOKS COMMUNITY PARK**
1442 City Park Ave.

**RAISING CANE’S DOG PARK AT FOREST COMMUNITY PARK**
13900 Harrell’s Ferry Road

**RAISING CANE’S DOG PARK AT ZACHARY COMMUNITY PARK**
20055 Hwy. 964, Zachary

**RAISING CANE’S DOG PARK AT GREENWOOD COMMUNITY PARK**
13350 Hwy. 19, Baker

225-218-0918
brec.org/dogparks

Extreme Sports

The extreme sports department consists of the Velodrome, three skate parks, BMX track, rock climbing wall and disc golf courses.

**EXTREME SPORTS PARK**
7122 Perkins Road
Perkins Road Community Park amenities include a 30,000 square foot concrete skate park, BMX track, a rock-climbing wall, a community playground, tennis court and walking, skating and biking trails. BREC’s BMX Raceway hosts birthday parties and weekly races.

**JEAN LAFITTE AIR GUN RANGE**
The Jean Lafitte Air Gun Range houses two field courses and a covered site-in range.

**BREC AIRLINE HWY. PARK**
17200 Airline Highway

225-766-9039
brec.org/extremesports

Golf Courses

BREC offers a course for every golfer. BREC’s golf courses are open to the public seven days a week. Golfers may reserve tee times seven days a week at all courses. Every course offers golf carts, pull carts, rental clubs and an assortment of golf shop merchandise.

**CHAMPIONSHIP COURSES**

**BEAVER CREEK**
Championship style 18-hole course with quality turf conditions, Creekside Grill, lighted driving range, short game area and practice putting green. Green fees range from $17 to $38.
1100 Plains-Port Hudson Road, Zachary
225-658-6338

**SANTA MARIA**
Championship style 18-hole Robert Trent Jones layout, driving range, Champions Grill, short game practice area and practice putting green. Green fees range from $17 to $38.
18460 Santa Maria Pkwy., Baton Rouge
225-752-9667

**18-HOLE COURSES**

**WEBB MEMORIAL**
Webb features an 18-hole course and practice putting green. This walkable course is one of the most popular courses in town. Large oak trees line the fairways of this centrally located golf course that is ideally situated off of College Drive. Green fees range from $10 to $18 with senior rates available every day.
1351 Country Club Dr., Baton Rouge
225-383-4919

**DUMAS MEMORIAL**
Dumas is an 18-hole layout with 6,400 yards from the back tees. Visit the Waterfront Café and practice green before or after your rounds. Features a mix of long holes with generous fairways and shorter holes that demand more precise driving. Green fees range from $7 to $14 with senior rates available every day.
13350 Hwy. 19, Baker
225-775-9166
Magnolia Mound

Through educational programs, workshops, lectures, festivals and other special events, Magnolia Mound’s mission is to illustrate and interpret the lifestyle of the French Creoles who formed the fascinating culture that still influences life in southern Louisiana. Central to this education mission, BREC’s Magnolia Mound strives to tell an inclusive story of those that lived and work on the property during its 110 history as a working sugar plantation. Of the 900 acres in the original Spanish land grant, BREC now owns about 16 acres of lovely grounds featuring champion live oak and magnolia trees. The property includes four buildings individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places including: a circa 1791 historic house, privy, kitchen, manager’s cottage, slave quarters, and pigeonier.

2161 Nicholson Drive 225-343-4955
BREC.org/magnoliamound

Outdoor Adventure

The BREC Outdoor Adventure department is dedicated to promoting an active, outdoor lifestyle to all citizens of EBR Parish by providing recreational opportunities that revolve around the outdoors. These programs include activities such as, kayaking, canoeing, climbing, biking, fishing, camping and land navigation. BREC’s Outdoor Adventure programs introduce and instruct patrons in outdoor sports and helps them advance through progressive skill levels. These specialized programs also promote environmental awareness and ethical practices when in outdoor and nature-based activities. BREC’s Outdoor Adventure team is committed to providing opportunities for adventure here in EBR Parish and beyond.

Disc Golf

Highland Road Community Park Disc Golf Course (18 Holes)
14024 Highland Road 225-766-0247

Greenwood Community Park Disc Golf Course (18 Holes)
13350 Hwy. 19, Baker, LA 225-775-9166

Flanacher Park Disc Golf Course (21 Holes)
864 Flanacher Road, Zachary, LA 225-654-2617

Louisiana Health Connections DiscGolfPark at Scotlandville Parkway
I-110 Scotlandville Pkwy.
BREC.org/discgolf

Mountain Bike Trails

BREC maintains two mountain bike trails, open daily from sunrise to sunset. Riders must wear helmets at all times.

Hooper Mountain Bike Trail
6261 Guynell Dr. (in the Sharon Hills subdivision)

Comite River / Kerry Stamey Mountain Bike Trail
8900 Hooper Road

Highland Road Park Observatory

The Highland Road Park Observatory, brought to the public by BREC, Louisiana State University’s Department of Physics and Astronomy and the Baton Rouge Astronomical Society, is located on the south side of BREC’s Highland Road Community Park. The Observatory houses state-of-the-art 16-inch and 20-inch reflecting telescopes.

13800 Highland Road 225-768-9948
hrpo.lsu.edu observatory@brec.org

Independence Park Theatre & Cultural Center

Independence Park Theatre and Cultural Center sits nestled next to the beautiful Botanic Garden located inside BREC’s Independence Community Park. With a seating capacity of 750 seats, this beautiful state-of-the-art theatre is available to rent for events throughout the year and offers meeting rooms that can accommodate 75 people. Independence Park Theatre and Cultural Center also features the Louisiana Artists Guild Gallery.

7800 Independence Blvd 225-216-0660
theparktheatre.com
TENNIS CENTERS

BREC’s Tennis Department manages five major tennis centers, each housing its own pro shop that offers tennis resale merchandise, equipment rentals, refreshments and a staff that manages court reservations and fees. The tennis centers provide a number of programs to the community, including tennis instruction, school athletic programs, youth and adult league play and tournaments. Facilities are available for rental to organizations for tournaments, workshops and high school league practice. There are also 67 neighborhood tennis courts located at recreation centers throughout East Baton Rouge Parish where patrons can play tennis at no charge.

**Tennis Centers**

- Highland Road Community Park Tennis Center
- Independence Community Park Tennis Center
- Forest Community Park Tennis Center
- Greenwood Community Park Tennis Center
- Highland Road Community Park Tennis Center

**Hours of Operation:**

**Highland Road Community Park Tennis Center**
- Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Friday: 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Saturday + Sunday: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Independence Community Park Tennis Center**
- Monday-Thursday: 3-9 p.m.
- Center is open for league play, programming, tournaments and special events. Courts are open and free of charge when center is not staffed.

**Locations:**

- **Capital One Tennis Center at City-Brooks Community Park**
  - Features seven courts with one hitting wall.
  - 1515 Dalrymple Dr. ☎️ 225-343-3767

- **Forest Community Park Tennis Center**
  - Features 11 courts with one hitting wall.
  - 13900 S. Harrell’s Ferry Road ☎️ 225-756-3312

- **Greenwood Community Park Tennis Center**
  - Features eight courts.
  - 13350 Hwy. 19, Baker ☎️ 225-778-4040

- **Highland Road Community Park Tennis Center**
  - Features 17 courts with one hitting wall, one permanent 60’ youth court and four permanent 36’ youth courts.
  - 14024 Highland Road ☎️ 225-766-0247

- **Independence Community Park Tennis Center**
  - Features 11 outdoor courts, two indoor courts and a separate hitting wall court.
  - 7505 Independence Blvd. ☎️ 225-923-2792

**UpperDeck Batting Cages**

BREC offers an indoor baseball and softball batting cage practice facility. UpperDeck has indoor areas to practice fielding, pitching, agility/speed drills and four batting cages. Advanced registration is required. This newly renovated and air-conditioned facility is also available to rent for family events or birthday parties.

**Milton J. Womack Park**
- 6201 Florida Blvd., Baton Rouge LA 70806
- (Ardenwood side entrance)
- 📞 225-273-6403 📧 Athletics@brec.org

**UpperDeck Hours of Operation:**

Monday-Thursday during the school year / 4-8 p.m.

**Individual Cage Rental:** (Max 4 people/cage)
- $20 for 30 minutes / $35 for 60 minutes
- Use of pitching machine is an additional $10

**Team Practice:** (three cages)
- $90 for 60 minutes / $150 for 120 minutes

**Instruction Sessions:** (Advance reservations required)
- $15 additional fee for 30 minutes

**Skills/Pitching Area:** (Space is limited)
- $10/person for 60 minutes
- $20/person for 120 minutes
- $5/additional person
OUR PARTNERS

BATON ROUGE GALLERY, A BREC FACILITY

1515 DALRYMPLE DR.  225-383-1470
Baton Rouge Gallery – center for contemporary art (BRG) facility, is housed in BREC’s historic City-Brooks Community Park. The non-profit art gallery hosts new monthly contemporary exhibits featuring professional artists with an opening reception on the first Wednesday of each month. BRG also offers a wealth of cultural programming that brings visitors face-to-face with contemporary art across disciplines including film, poetry, dance and more.

KNOCK KNOCK CHILDREN’S MUSEUM

1900 DALRYMPLE DR.  225-388-3090
Knock Knock Children’s Museum, located in City-Brooks Community Park, opens doors to the exciting world of early learning, discovery and hands on exploration through specific activities woven through 18 unique Learning Zones. Designed for children age 0 to 8, the museums Learning Zones create “teachable moments” that connect children’s every day experiences to learning.

BATON ROUGE SOCCER CLUB

142 LOBDELL AVE.  225-924-2157
Baton Rouge Soccer Club

Through a successful cooperative endeavor agreement, BREC and Baton Rouge Soccer Club have been able to offer quality soccer facilities and programming to the Greater Baton Rouge Area. BRSC has developed and implemented high quality recreational programs for youth of all ages, premier soccer for the player who seeks high-level competition, assessable soccer for people with disabilities, and adult leagues for men and women from age 19 to senior citizen. BREC has developed, built, and maintained first class dedicated soccer facilities at the 22 field Burbank Soccer Complex, and the seven field Independence Park Complex. With over 6,500 members, BRSC and BREC have been the recognized leaders in the expansion of soccer as the fastest growing team sport in the Baton Rouge community.

TEAM SPORTSPLEX

7122 PERKINS ROAD  225-302-5521
Team Sportsplex

Team Automotive Group, the Baton Rouge Basketball and Volleyball Association (BBRVA) and BREC partnered to build a 30,000 square-foot recreational complex in the heart of Perkins Road Community Park. It is the largest indoor basketball facility in Baton Rouge and the largest indoor volleyball facility in Louisiana. It is also used for BREC summer camps, cheerleading competitions and recreation activities for seniors.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

WEBTRAC.BREC.ORG

REGISTER ONLINE FOR SELECT BREC PROGRAMS

TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL ONLINE REGISTRATION

• Know your user ID and password ahead of time. If you cannot remember it, use the “Forgot User” or “Forgot Password” on the left side of the screen.
• Not sure if you have an account? Click “Contact Us” on the left side of the screen to send a message with your name, address, email address and phone number. BREC staff will get back to you as soon as possible. You can also email us directly at register@brec.org.
• NEW USER? Click on the “Create an Account” on the left side of the screen. If you still have problems, please email register@brec.org or call 225-272-9200, EXT 1580 or 1300.
DO YOU NEED TO RENT A REALLY BIG PLACE?

The fairgrounds at BREC’s Airline Highway Park can accommodate an event of up to 10,000 people. BREC’s two outdoor stadiums are also available for civic or sporting events. Memorial Stadium, located at 1750 Foss St., has a seating capacity of 21,395. Olympia Stadium, located at BREC’s Perkins Road Park at 7122 Perkins Road, has a seating capacity of 6,000. For scheduling fees and information, call 225-273-6400.

NEED TO FIND THE PERFECT PARTY SPACE?

You can also plan a party at one of BREC’s special facilities. The Virtual Park at North Sherwood Forest Community Park, BMX Raceway, Independence Park Theatre, Farr Park Equestrian Center, Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center, Liberty Lagoon Family Aquatics Center and BREC’s Baton Rouge Zoo all have rental space available for your event.

BREC also has recreation centers located across the parish and are available to rent for recreational activities, birthday parties, meetings, family reunions and more! Call 225-273-6400 or your neighborhood recreation center for reservation guidelines.

Independence Café and Training/Banquet Center holds up to 60 attendees and has been used for wedding receptions, meetings and trainings.

LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT PLACE TO HOST A WEDDING, SHOWER OR LARGE, FORMAL EVENT?

Enjoy the historical elegance of the Hart House or historical barn, La Grange, at Magnolia Mound, 2161 Nicholson Dr.; the modern convenience of the Baton Rouge Garden Center, 7950 Independence Blvd.; the rustic outdoor setting of Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center, 10503 N. Oak Hills Parkway; the club-like surroundings of the Jefferson Hwy. Center, 8133 Jefferson Hwy.; Greenwood Community Park’s waterfront amphitheater and meeting room with stage, 13350 Hwy 19 in Baker, LA; or the wild uniqueness of the Capital One Pavilion at BREC’s Baton Rouge Zoo, 3601 Thomas Road. Food and beverage services as well as kitchen facilities are available.

WOMACK PARK HAS SPACE FOR COMPANY MEETINGS, RETREATS OR BEAUTIFUL BALLROOM EVENTS

Need to host an off-site meeting or company retreat? BREC has state-of-the-art meeting and conference rooms to accommodate up to 40 attendees in the Milton J. Womack Recreation Center. Included in each room is an overhead projector, screen and meeting recording devices. When a larger space is required, the building also offers a 4700 square foot ballroom that can accommodate 300 attendees. Large business meetings, seminars, weddings, receptions and banquets are regularly held in the ballroom.

Contact Diane Ruggiero, Special Facilities Manager, at 225-388-3007 for further information.
PAVILION RENTALS

All BREC Parks are still first-come, first-served for picnic pavilion usage. Since BREC Park sites are in high demand, park users can now rent a pavilion in a growing number of BREC Parks. Renting a picnic pavilion allows the patron(s) who has a reservation to have some “peace of mind” when preparing a party, family reunion or association gathering at the park. If you rent a pavilion, then there is no reason to go to the park to “hold” your tables and pavilion ahead of time. The site will be clean and ready upon your arrival.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The following parks have pavilions (2 or more tables) available to rent starting at $45 for 4 hours:

- ANNA T. JORDAN COMMUNITY PARK
- FOREST COMMUNITY PARK
- GREENWOOD COMMUNITY PARK
- HIGHLAND ROAD COMMUNITY PARK
- HOWELL COMMUNITY PARK
- INDEPENDENCE COMMUNITY PARK
- JACKSON COMMUNITY PARK
- JEFFERSON TERRACE PARK
- NORTH SHERWOOD FOREST COMMUNITY PARK
- PERKINS ROAD COMMUNITY PARK
- ZACHARY COMMUNITY PARK

With the purchase of the pavilion rental, you receive one of the following permits: Cooking Apparatus, Dry Inflatable (Approved Vendors Only), or Canopy/Tent.

For more info: brec.org/pavilions

AUXILIARY PERMITS

A non-refundable $10 fee per individual item listed below is needed when a group of 75 or less are utilizing a park without a pavilion. For groups of more than 75, please visit brec.org/pavilions for more information.

DRY INFLATABLES

One dry inflatable is allowed and may not exceed 30’L x 15’ W x 18’H operated by a quiet run generator only (electricity is not available). Water slides, water games, swimming pools, dunk tanks, petting zoos, pony/horse rides, amusement rides or any other equipment not inherent to park property is prohibited. Inflatable provider insurance ($1 million general liability) is required.

CANOPIES/TENTS

Canopies/tents are limited to one per activity space and no larger than 10’ x 10’. Canopies/tents are allowed in areas that do not interfere with the opportunity of enjoyment for others in the park.

COOKING APPARATUS

One personal grill or burner is admitted with this permit (water is not available). Tabletop style grills are not allowed on picnic tables, benches or bleachers. All charcoal from grills, grease from fryers & water with added chemicals or seasonings such as from seafood boils must be removed from the site. Disposing of charcoal, grease or impure water onto park grounds is prohibited.
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