

CITY OF DELANO

# REQUEST FOR ACTION

<u>Department Head</u> Phil Kern, City Administrator	<u>City Council Date</u> June 15, 2010	<u>Agenda Item</u>
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Motion to approve the staffing for Fun in the Sun program in 2010.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Staff is recommending the City Council approve staffing for Fun in the Sun program for 2010.

**BACKGROUND**

Fun In The Sun program began in 2005 with the goal to increase awareness and use of City Parks. This program provides activities in selected parks for children ages 5 through 12, Monday through Thursday from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. The dates for this year's program are Monday, June 7 – Thursday, June 24, 2010 and July 12 – July 30, 2010.

Cody Krieg has been with FITS for the past 3 years and is now the Program Director. Staff and Park Board members were very impressed with her dedication to the program and strong interest in continuing as Program Director. This position pays \$13.00 per hour.

Staff recommends re-hiring John Max, who has worked for the past 2 years as an assistant. John would assist Cody throughout the programming and would be available to maintain Cody's responsibilities during her vacation. He is also a valued member of the FITS staff and will be an asset in training the additional assistants. This position pays \$10.00 per hour.

Two additional assistants are recommended for hire; Jacob Raskob and Emily Dennis. Jacob Raskob would assist Monday – Thursday throughout the programming. He is very involved in school sports program(s), umpires for the Delano Youth Baseball and Softball, and is a recent 2010 graduate from Delano High School. This position pays \$10.00 per hour.

Emily Dennis is recommended as well to also assist due to the increased number of participants. Emily has been very active in the school sports program(s), a recent 2010 graduate from Delano High School and is very energetic. This position pays \$10.00 per hour.

This is the first year a third assistant would be hired for the FITS program. The first day of FITS was Monday, June 7, 2010 and there were 49 participants ranging in ages from 5 – 12 years. Staff recommends that staffing attempt to meet a ration of 15 participants or less per Staff person. Emily would begin working Mondays at Central Park initially, and she is available more days per week should the participant level continue to increase at each scheduled park. Although this position is not within the original budget for FITS, Staff felt this position to be essential for the successful continuance of the FITS program in regards to maintaining a safe, controlled and fun environment. Staff also believes that the overall FITS program budget can absorb this additional cost by offsetting with reduced equipment and park improvement expenses.

**FUNDING**

This program is funded through the General Fund's Park budget.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None