



VISALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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NEWS RELEASE

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Multi-Agency Gang Intervention Task Force Committee Announces Summer Programs for Youth

The following organizations are providing summer activities/programs for youth in the community:

- **TULARE COUNTY - STEP UP (in conjunction with City of Visalia Parks & Recreation, Boys & Girls Club, Family Health Care Network, Wittman Center/Proteus)**

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www.stepuptc.com

Summer Night Lights 2014 Festivities – Includes food, activities, games, music, swim, etc. *See attached flyers for date/time/location information.*

- **CITY OF VISALIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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http://www.ci.visalia.ca.us/depts/parks_n_recreation/

- The Parks & Recreation Department has opened its summer registration for program and activities. Programs include: Aquatics, Summer Camp, Family Programs, Youth Enrichment classes, and much more. Please visit website: www.liveandplayvisalia.com or social media outlets: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Pinterest for additional information.
- Summer schedule for the Drop-in program at Manual Hernandez Community Center begins June 9th, from 12:30 – 6:30 PM. The drop-in program includes: table games, a computer lab, foosball, pool, and a gymnasium. Additional activities include: music, dance, and arts and crafts.
- Free Summer Lunch provided at three facilities throughout the summer. Please join the Anthony Community Center, Manual Hernandez Community Center, and Whitendale Community Center from 12:00 – 1:00 for a free lunch. Lunch is provided by the USDA Summer Food Program and any children 18 years of age and under qualify for a free lunch.



- The Loop Bus will begin its City operations on June 9th. First pick up time is 12:30pm at Manuel Hernandez Community Center. Please visit the City's website or drop by the center for route information. The Loop Bus will operate from June 9th through August 8th.
- Dive-In Movies sponsored by Summer Night Lights will be offered free of charge during the summer. This great family activity will begin Saturday, June 14th and run every Saturday till July 26th. The program will be held at Mt. Whitney High School Pool, and swim starts at 6:00 pm. This program is free, courtesy of Summer Night Lights.
- The Summer Night Lights Program, sponsored by the Board of Supervisors, will begin on Friday, June 20th from 6:00 – 9:00pm, at the Wittman Center. This free family program includes games, music, activities, and food. Events will also be held on the following dates and locations. All events are held on Fridays, from 6:00 – 9:00pm.
 - Friday, June 27th, Boys and Girls Club (Tulare Ave. Location)
 - Friday, July 11th, Rawhide Baseball Stadium
 - Friday, July 18th, Manuel Hernandez Community Center
 - Friday, July 25th, Boys and Girls Club (Tulare Ave. Location)
 - August 1st, Riverway Sports Park
- Visalia Parks and Recreation proudly present the 2014 Concerts in the Park Series. These free concerts will take place the second Saturday of the month beginning in June. Concerts in the Park are a great way to enjoy music with family, friends, and good company! Concert times and locations will be listed on www.liveandplayvisalia.com.
- The Annual Summer Catfish Derby will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2014, from 8:00-10:00am, at Plaza Park Pond. This fun and lively competitive fishing derby will include two divisions: 7 and under and ages 8-15. Pre-registration for the event is \$5 and \$7 the day of the event. Participants must bring their own poles, bait, and tackle.
- The Annual 4th of July Freedom Celebration will take place on Friday, 4th of July at Mineral King Bowl. The event will include a performance by 'Run 4 Cover', tasty food vendors, and a fireworks show you'll have to see to believe. Doors open at 6:30pm.
- 'Movies in the Park' return to Riverway Sports Park this summer! Movies begin at dusk and are shown on a giant screen in the new special events promenade in the park. This is a free family event for all to enjoy. Movie schedule is listed below:
 - Saturday, June 21st - Frozen – Sing-A-Long
 - Saturday, June 28th – Saving Mr. Banks
 - Saturday, July 12th – Vampire Academy
 - Saturday, July 19th – The Avengers
 - Saturday, July 26th – Gravity
 - Saturday, August 2nd – The Lego Movie



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Police Activities League (PAL)

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Summer Hours: Monday-Friday from 1000-1800 hours

http://www.ci.visalia.ca.us/depts/police_department/pal_/default.asp

Activities Include:

- Drop-In Program – Emphasis on Respect, Safety and Education
- Youth Sports Program (11+) – Emphasis on Mutual Respect Encouragement and Athletics
- Outdoor Adventure – Exploring Nature through Camping, Hiking and Fishing
- Volunteerism – Encouraging Involvement, Dedication and Making a Difference
- Education – Homework Club, Computer Lab and Scholarship Opportunities
- Youth Leadership – Emphasizing Community Service, Peer – Centered Activities Encouraging Responsibility and Other Positive Social Behaviors
- Boxing Program

- **WITTMAN CENTER / PROTEUS**

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- “Drop-In” Services for youth 5 to 18 years of age
- Summer lunch programs for children under the age of 18
- Streetwise Partners Recreational sports in the summer
- Limited field trips for youth
- Hosting Summer Night Lights June 20th from 6:30 to 9:30 pm

