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Greater Vallejo Recreation District Offers Scholarship Program for Vallejo Residents

Vallejo, CA, November 22, 2016 - The Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD) announced today that they are accepting scholarship applications to assist with fees for GVRD programs. For qualified applicants, GVRD will cover 75% of the cost for any youth program. The application is open to Vallejo youth 17 years of age and under who meet the low to moderate income status.

“This is a great way to support the youth in our community,” said Shane McAfee, General Manager of the GVRD. “We now have the ability to reach out to the kids that didn’t have the means to participate in these wonderful programs in the past. This sends a clear message that GVRD and the City of Vallejo care about all of the youth in Vallejo.”

This new opportunity for more youths to be involved in GVRD activities comes from \$250,000 in funds that the Vallejo City Council allocated from Measure B. In addition to scholarships, GVRD will provide additional free activities for Vallejo youth. The provision for low cost or free programming will continue until all funds have been depleted.

GVRD is already providing free programs for youth to participate in the new Vallejo Sports & Adventure Academy which is staffed by qualified leaders and educators. Children are currently enjoying the game of flag football at several elementary schools including Loma Vista, Wardlaw, and Cooper with other sports camps to be offered in the near future. Music Beats Making Program is one of several unique educational courses under review for adoption into the academy. When implemented, it will enable the kids to create their own music using a beat making machine that is equipped with a keyboard and pad controller. Upon completion of the course, students will go home with musical creations that they can keep for their own personal use.

All those who are interested in applying to the scholarship program for existing programs, such as swimming lessons and camps, must pick up an application at the GVRD main office located at 395 Amador St., Vallejo, CA. For more information about all of the programs, including free courses offered at GVRD, visit the website at www.gvr.org.

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About GVRD

The Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD) is a separate government agency from the City of Vallejo that provides parks and recreation programs for children, families, and seniors in Vallejo. GVRD operates primarily by means of locally-controlled funding and also receives revenue from fees for services, park entrances, programs, and facility rentals. Grants and park dedication permit fees assist in the provision for new park development projects and ongoing maintenance.

GVRD manages 407 acres of public park space including 20 neighborhood parks, 10 community parks, 6 special purpose parks, an Olympic-size swimming pool and 4 community centers. GVRD, maintains over 1,000 acres of public land and offers programs that benefit over 120,000 Vallejo residents of all ages each year.