

Fun on the horizon

Outdoor activities
abound at parks,
camps in the
Fremont area

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Spring has finally arrived after a bitter winter overshadowed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

With warmer weather on the way, now is the perfect time to soak up the sun and experience some of area's marquee attractions. Whether looking to visit the pool with your family or take a soaring adventure across thousands of feet of zip line sources, there are plenty of opportunities to make your vacation or weekend trip one to remember.

Fremont

The Fremont Parks and Recreation Department has a full slate of outdoor activities available for the public following a hiatus brought forward by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Recreation Superintendent Nate Schwanke said Ronin Pool and Splash Station are slated to open on May 31. Both attractions were closed for the 2020 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Schwanke said the attraction typically brings in visitors from across the area, including Omaha.

"We have a wide variety of neighborhood parks that have splash pads as well," he said. "I think those are really nice attractions for our community over the summer on those long, hot days."

Popularity among Fremont's water attractions has continued to trend up, according to Schwanke. He attributed the continued interest to the number of different opportunities the city provides to its residents.

Those outdoor water activities aren't just limited to the Splash Station and Ronin Pool, either. Fremont offers five Splash Pads at parks across the city. The acces-



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Between all five lines of the course, which steadily increase in height, riders can zip across more than 2,000 feet of Nebraska scenery.

sible alternative is open to children of all ages and uses sensors to activate water features at each unique location.

"It's easy for kids of all ages to go and play and they're in neighborhood parks," Schwanke said. "So, moms don't have to take their kids and load everything up to go to the waterpark. They can just go down the street to the regular park and monitor play with their kids."

The City of Fremont Parks Department also offers several programs for families who wish to enroll in swimming lessons.

Those programs include:

Kinder Swim

■ The \$30 program for 3- and 4-year old children takes place at the Splash Station. Registration for Session 1 runs from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on June 5 at the Splash Station. Session 2 registration runs from 9:30-10:30 a.m. July 3 at the Splash Station.

Learn to Swim

■ The \$40 program is for children at least 5 years old or must be a graduate of Kinder Swim. Session 1, which runs from June 21 to July 2 at the Splash Station, opens registration from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on June 12. Session 2, which runs from July 19-30, opens registration between 9:30-10:30 a.m. July 10.

involved in other summer activities including:

Park Play

■ The nine-week program, starting June 1, costs \$150 per child before April 23 and \$165 per child starting April 24. Children between from kindergarten through sixth grade will meet at Clemmons, Milliken and Ronin parks. Between 120 and 130 kids take part in a typical year. The fee includes a T-shirt and all in-town, off-the-park activities. Additional fees will be charged for out-of-town field trips.

Lil' Sluggers

■ This is coed T-ball league is for children ages 4 and 5 who have not been to kindergarten. The cost for registration is \$40 if registered by April 23 for an eight-week schedule. The fee is \$55 if registered after that time. Children will meet once a week for a 15- to




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