

Bryant Parks and Recreation
Director's Report
July 2025

- The Bryant Youth Association continued their Summer Program through the month of July, with 423 children registered. We provided them with 2 basketball courts during their program, as well as, our upstairs meeting rooms for staff trainings, financial literacy classes, vacation bible school, and more.
- The Bryant Youth Association also used our Aquatics facilities for the month of July for swim lessons and free play; with the Kindergarten at the Splash Pad, 1st and 2nd grade at Mills Pool and 3rd through 5th graders at the Bishop Lap Pool.
- Bishop and Mills Aquatics facilities had 36 party reservations in July.
- Summer swim lessons continued at Mills Pool and Bishop Aquatics Facility through July. In total there were 169 participants in July lessons at both pools; this does not include the 160 BYA children still participating in lessons.
- Youth Archery Lessons ran twice a week for the month of July. We had 13 kids participating, up from 11 in June.
- Youth Basketball Camps ran 3 days a week for each week of July, with a total of 37 kids participating.
- Nintendo Switch Bowling League was our first attempt at eSports in July; we had 6 teams participating. We hope this is the foundation for future eSports and non-athletic programming in the future.
- 3 separate pickleball leagues ran and completed in July. All 3 were very successful with a lot of participation, totalling over 100 participants; we also offered pickleball lessons with only 8 spots available and it filled up in 2 days.
- Adult Intro to Tennis for adults was offered in July and had 6 participants.
- The Bishop Park Gymnasium hosted a HopStep Basketball tournament on July 12 & 13.
- The Bishop Park Aquatics Facility hosted a Barracuda Swim Meet on July 12 & 19.
- The Bishop Park Softball Complex hosted the FASA Nationals Softball Tournament Open Class on July 15 & 16.
- The BASS Swim Team attended the AAU Junior Olympics in Houston, TX the week of July 21. BASS took 17 swimmers that competed with Team Arkansas at the event; Team Arkansas finished as the AAU National Runner-Up.
- The Bishop Park Softball Complex hosted a USA Softball Camp on July 25 & 26.

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- Converted the back entrance to the Center at Bishop Park to a one-way street. This includes adding DO NOT ENTER signs at the exit next to the BYA at Boone Rd. and painting arrows to show the direction that all traffic should flow. This has been communicated with the Bryant Youth Association and the Senior Adult Center, with everyone in agreement. We also made some repairs to the back drive behind the Aquatics Facility.
- Installed two new water fountains with bottle fills upstairs at the Bryant Youth Association.
- Replaced the RPZ to the irrigation system at Midland Park.
- Prepared Mills Park for Woofstock, which was held on August 2.
- The Barracudas Swim Team concluded their 2025 season.
- Youth Volleyball league is now open for registration. Recreational leagues for 3rd/4th grades and 5th/6th grades are offered. Games will be played every Saturday at The Center beginning on October 4th.
- Adult Men's and Women's basketball leagues are now open for registration. Games will be played every Sunday at The Center beginning September 7th.