The Aurora Hills Community Center

SURVEY RESULTS



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Overview

Survey Results: The Aurora Hills Community Center

This survey was conducted via www.surveymonkey.com beginning on April 9, 2010 and ending on April 29, 2010. Two-hundred and six responses were gathered and after deduping 201 usable results were analyzed. The original paper survey done (about 30 responses) was revised considerably when put online at surveymonkey.com, so the early paper responses are not included here. The paper surveys were provided to Miriam Gennari at her request.

Residents were directed to the survey via:

- emails to "friends" lists of Aurora Highlands and Arlington Ridge Civic Associations
- An article in the AHCA April 2010 newsletter
- Links from AHCA and ARCA web sites
- Two postings to the Arlington's 4th District (4D) (Yahoo list serv)

All answers chosen by respondents were ranked by their response rates. Some of the data that is most useful are the "verbatims"--respondents' suggestions in their own words. A copy of the survey as it appeared online is available as a pdf. All survey questions are included in this document.

Summary of Results -- Top Answers Only

1. What Activities or Classes would you or your family members would utilize if available at the Aurora Hills Community Center?

Yoga	67.66%
Art	40.80%
Gardening	39.80%

2. Are you interested in (child activities ranging from under 2 tears to 10 years) ...

None	46.77%
Preschool 2-4	17.91%
Homework Support 5-10	16.42%

3. Are you interested in YOUTH (Ages 11 to 14) activities?

None	49.75%
Summer Recreation & Camps	23.88%
Language Workshops	15.42%
Enhanced Science Classes	15.42%

4. Are you interested in TEEN and ADULT activities?

Lectures and Comedy Shows	34.33%
Home Energy Conservation Workshops	29.85%
Book Reviews	29.35%

5. What type of COMMUNITY GROUPS, CLUBS, and SUPPORT GROUPS would you be interested in?

None 30.35% Community Service 25.37% Parenting 19.40%

6. What type of ENTERTAINMENT activities would interest you or your family?

Film Screenings 68.66% Theatre Performances 48.76% Family Bingo 37.31%

7. What Else? Please tell us what you would like to do at the Aurora Hills Community Center that perhaps we have not asked about.

Cooking Classes

2.99%

(potluck type events to share recipes, cooking tips, etc... cook together then eat together or have a chef offer cooking class. theme nights - thai, vegetarian, vegan, indian, etc...)

Rent the Space 1.99%

(Ability to rent the room for a fee for personal use, ie playgroups; be able to host children's parties; Hold private parties; Room rental for birthday parties)

Garden Club 1.49%

8. Demographic Data on Respondents and their households/families:

The responses provided represent households of 348 adults and 167 children (less than 18 years).

9. WILL YOU HELP? Do you have interest in MANAGING PROGRAMS for an age group segment? (Under 2, 2--4, 5--10, Youth, Teens, Adults, Seniors) or TEACHING CLASSES, TUTORING, LEADING GROUPS, working with kids, teens, adults, or seniors? If so, please let us know.

60 offers of help were indicated. Not 60 people, 60 offers. A singe respondent could have offered help in up to 4 areas.

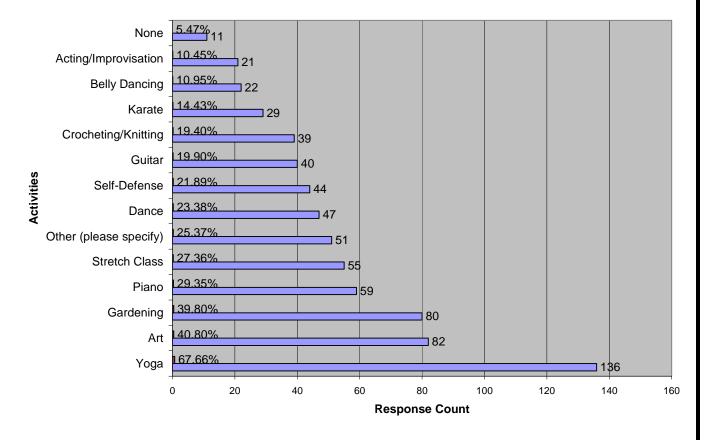
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105 of 201 respondents provided email contact information.

SURVEY RESULTS - QUESTION BY QUESTION

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Dance	47	23.38%
Self-Defense	44	21.89%
Guitar	40	19.90%
Crocheting/Knitting	39	19.40%
Karate	29	14.43%
Belly Dancing	22	10.95%
Acting/Improvisation	21	10.45%
None	11	5.47%



1. What Activities or Classes would you or your family members would utilize if available at the Aurora Hills Community Center? Other (please specify):

Respondent suggested activities:

Adullt Ed classses and activities

Aerobics--2

afterschool clubs for kids; scouting, cultural group rehearsals, indoor recreation activities during winter months

Basic Spanish Classes

Bike repair/maintenance

Birthday party room

Board Gaming

Body toning classes

book club

Cell Phone: how to choose

children's (under age of 4) county classes (music class, art class, anything!)

children's programs Community Meetings

Computer Classes for seniors

Cooking--3

language classes (German)

Spanish class

CPR and First Aid classes

crafts

djembe drum, bicycle repair, drawing with colored pencils

Girl Scout meetings

Gymnastics--2

home renovation

Judo; Music Lessons - Violin

landscape workshops

Meditation

Only if in the early evenings--2

other sports related classes such as pilates

Photography--3

Book Club, Film Club

Pilates--3

Foreign Language classes

Playgroup for young children

Playgroups and activities for kids

Robotics, Science

Salsa Dancing and Tap Dancing

sewing

Spanish

stage combat, circus arts

Step Aerobics

strength training &/or other exercise classes; cooking/nutrition--recipe evolution; Great Books discussion

Summer Camps, Language Classes

tai chi, cooking

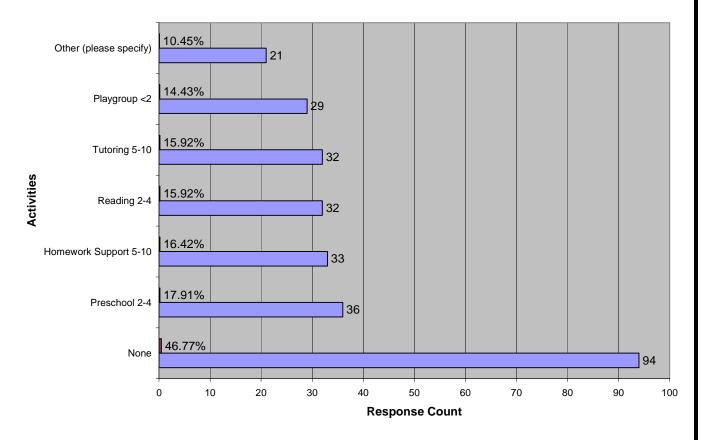
Things for little kids

Toastmasters (Speaking) and Cooking

writing, storytelling, quilting

2. Are you interested in INFANT/TODDLER (Ages under 2), CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (Ages: 2 to 4) or CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (Ages 5 to 10) activities?

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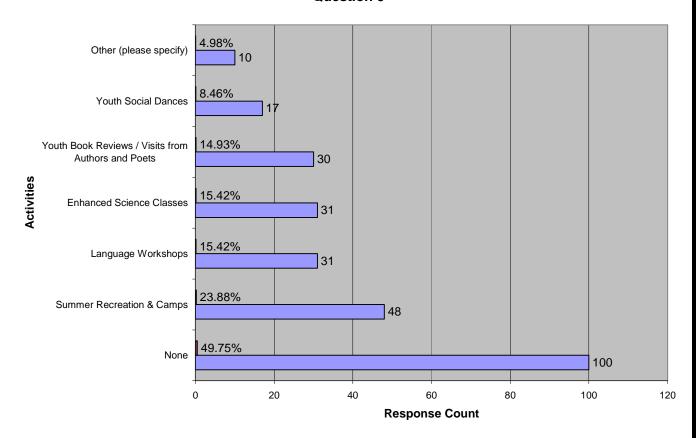
Other (please specify):

Respondent suggested activities:

5-10 activities not academic after school enrichment after school enrichment After-school non-academic activities ages 5-10 activities (more like the YOUTH activities listed below) Ages 5-10 Science and Robotics classes/clubs any general educational opportunities for ages 4 to 10 elementary science/ math projects If I had children, and I would be interested in helping with this! Math Mostly summer for 5-10 year olds no children in our home, but would support programs Other 5-10 age group times Playgroups and activities for toddlers Playgroups for 2-4 would be good, too re the above, I would tutor or offer support spanish homework help spanish, summer full-day programs for working parents spanish, summer full-day programs for working parents storytime, reading, arts & crafts, acting (musicals), movie hour, math summer programs

3. Are you interested in YOUTH (Ages 11 to 14) activities?

Answer Choices	Count	Percentage
None	100	49.75%
Summer Recreation & Camps	48	23.88%
Language Workshops	31	15.42%
Enhanced Science Classes	31	15.42%
Youth Book Reviews / Visits from Authors and Poets	30	14.93%
Youth Social Dances	17	8.46%
Other (please specify)	10	4.98%



3. Are you interested in YOUTH (Ages 11 to 14) activities? Other (please specify):

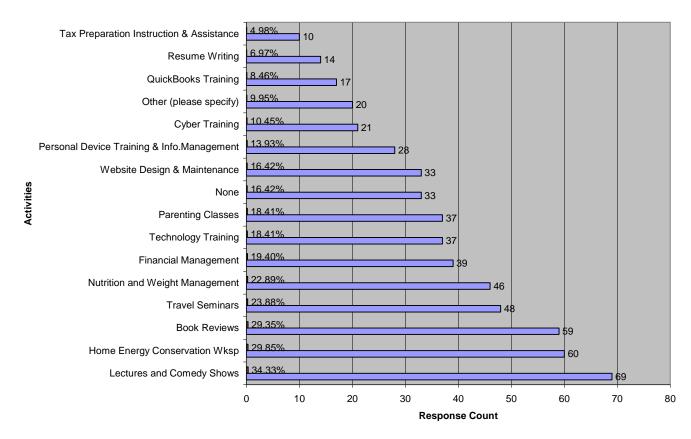
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evening/after school homework help
I have resources to share see fns.usda.gov/teamnutrition on the Resource List
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not yet
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SAT Prep

Yet!

4. Are you interested in TEEN and ADULT activities?

Answer Choices	Count	Percentage
Lectures and Comedy Shows	69	34.33%
Home Energy Conservation Workshops	60	29.85%
Book Reviews	59	29.35%
Travel Seminars	48	23.88%
Nutrition and Weight Management	46	22.89%
Financial Management	39	19.40%
Technology Training	37	18.41%
Parenting Classes	37	18.41%
None	33	16.42%
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Tax Preparation Instruction and Assistance	10	4.98%



4. Are you interested in TEEN and ADULT activities? Other (please specify)

Respondent suggested activities:

activities for older teens 15+ creative writing Excel

gardening/tree care, recycling/reuse in the home

Home improvement and the permit process

Home Improvement Workshops

I would be very interested in helping teach as well; Also, stress and time management classes (could try to help with this!)

language classes: Spanish

Living and eating green and locally neighborhood social eventsThe

not yet

photography

photography classes

Physical Activity, Fitness

Retirement Planning

Scrabble Club

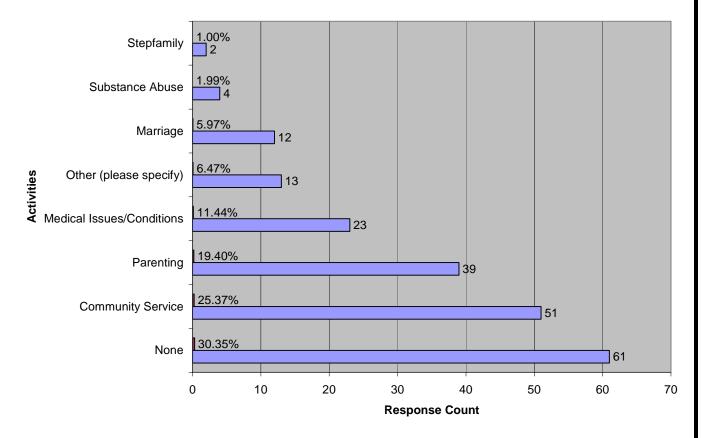
spanish lessons and practice group

Tae Kwon Do

Tutoring

5. What type of COMMUNITY GROUPS, CLUBS, SUPPORT GROUPS would you be interested in?

Count	Percentage
61	30.35%
51	25.37%
39	19.40%
23	11.44%
13	6.47%
12	5.97%
4	1.99%
2	1.00%
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5. What type of COMMUNITY GROUPS, CLUBS, SUPPORT GROUPS would you be interested in?

Other (please specify):

Respondent suggested activities:

a new moms group

AA

Aurora Hills Women's Club Environmental related groups trees, green issues gardening club Gay/lesbian social group Girl and boy scouts

LGBT

LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Transexual)

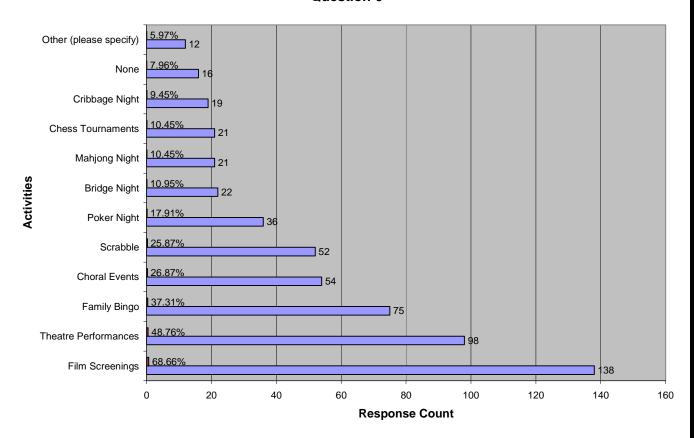
Pets, health small dog club

Walking/Exercise, Speaking, 4-H club, Volunteer in neighborhood--pick up trash, anything neighborhood needed

Weight Watchers or TOPS

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Family Bingo	75	37.31%
Choral Events	54	26.87%
Scrabble	52	25.87%
Poker Night	36	17.91%
Bridge Night	22	10.95%
Mahjong Night	21	10.45%
Chess Tournaments	21	10.45%
Cribbage Night	19	9.45%
None	16	7.96%
Other (please specify)	12	5.97%



6. What type of ENTERTAINMENT activities would interest you or your family? Other (please specify):

Respondent suggested activities:

After hearing Nanette at the April AHCA meeting, how about an all-age open mike reading night: people could read poems or prose excerpts from their favorite authors, maybe even do short bits from plays. Time limits, so several people would get a turn. This would be completely separate from invited speakers, since the community would know that every night would be an assortment of neighbors, and not check first to see if it's something they't be interested in. Maybe once a month.

Band performances

Blackjack

Canasta

canasta

I would be happy to help organize as well

Music performance, relaxed/ non-competitive game nights for adults

Other board games

Outdoor family movies in the summer

Ping Pong Tournament

Rummy Kube

Spades Night

7. What Else? Please tell us what you would like to do at the Aurora Hills Community Center that perhaps we have not asked about.

Respondent suggested activities:

Ability to rent the room for a fee for personal use, ie playgroups; be able to host children's parties; Hold private parties; Room rental for birthday parties aerobic classes

Air hockey tables

An indoor recreation space in old fire house bays

Anything for children and teenagers

Anything for kids is great! I have little ones so I don't know what's appropriate for older kids but anything kid related is great

Arlington COunty Recreation Classes should be offered at the Community Center

Arts and Crafts Shows thru the year

Ball Room Dancing

book clubs

Book signings

Childrens' Community Theatre?

civic association meetings

classical music appreciation class

community gardening advice

computer/video game tournaments/classes

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cooking classes - potluck type events to share recipes, cooking tips, etc... cook together then eat together or have a chef offer cooking class. theme nights - thai, vegetarian, vegan, indian, etc...

dodgeball tournaments

Dog training

establish a native plant, pollinator-friendly garden outside the center

Ethnic cooking

farmers market

First Aid or related topics

Fitness

Garden Club

garden club meetings/events

Guest Speakers on Current Events

Gymnastics for kids

have arl. county rec. classes available there

have club meetings. ex. boy scouts

have evening coffee/music nights

hiking/walking/biking groups

Hold meetings

Hold private parties

hold study goups

Home Buying

home gardening help

Home Maintenance

Hosting Arlington County Adult Education Classes

If we do lose a library day, I'd like to see that day have an after school drop-in time, maybe 2:30-6pm, when there'd be adult supervision and possible homework help.

Jazzercise

Kids (young) music like Kindermusik and Music Together

Knitting workshop

Language

Local Arlington history, folklore storytelling and talks

Local nature and environment talks and activities

Luncheon's

meditation/relaxation

Multi cultural activities

Music Together

Open gym/play times in the winter

Parent/child exercise classes

Pilates

Pilates

ping pong

Ping pong tables

pool

Pool tables

Rec center area; games for kids and teens on rainy days

Room rental for birthday parties

Senior Issues/Support/Care

Set the center up with teleconferencing and supplies to host meetings for groups

Sports for Adults (non jock) learn and go to events as a group such as baseball, hockey,

spotrs clasess ex: tennis lessions

Table Tennis

utilize the facility

Volleyball

Weight Watchers Meetings

women's club meetings/events

Yoga for kids

8. Please list the ages of ADULTS and CHILDREN in your household?

Adults

The responses provided represent households of 348 adults.

The average adult age is 46.7 years.

The range of ages was 18 to 85.

Children

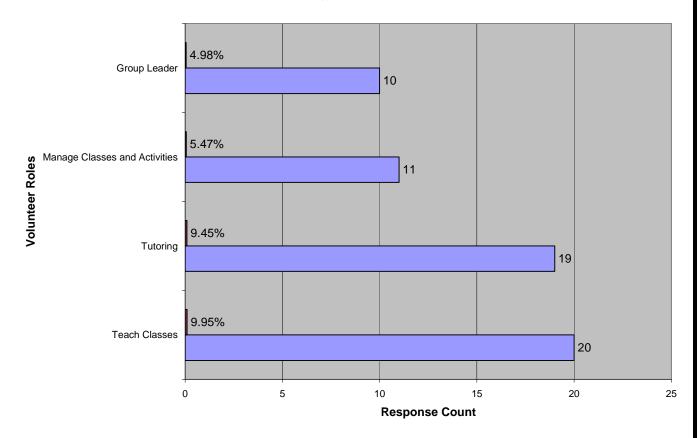
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The average child age is 5.9 years.

The range of ages was 0 to 17.

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Answer Choices	Count	Percentage
Teach Classes	20	9.95%
Tutoring	19	9.45%
Manage Classes and Activities	11	5.47%
Group Leader	10	4.98%



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Respondent Information Volunteered

MANAGE CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES -- LIST age group segments:

Adults

adults

Any

establishment of native plant, pollinator-friendly gardens around the center in 2 yrs, after finish phd, i could help

manage youth programs

possible help

under 2

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UNder 2

TEACH CLASSES--LIST subjects:

Art

basic knitting

beginners excel

childrens yoga

computers

Cooking, Speaking, Time management/Org., Dog training

Cyber Training, Technology Training

English as a Second Language

ESL?

Finance management for kids/teens- I'm a financial counselor with the Virginia extension service

Gardening: establishment of native plant, pollinator-friendly gardens around the center health topics

health, fitness, nutrition, stress management

History, Travel, Art history, Poetry

knitting

Knitting (intro to advanced)

landscaping and arboriculture

life in America to immigrants

maybe

Spanish

yoga, meditation, stretching

TUTORING - LIST subjects and ages:

5-10 - any, but I do work full time until 12/31

all subjects - elementary age

any k-8, 9-12 history, english, esl, government

Anything for grade school/junior high

English

ESL-adult

health, fitness, nutrition, stress management - adults

History, Literature

HS & below that isn't advanced math or science

math

Math Homework, on occassion

Math Science all ages

Math, reading, ages 8-11. That's experience at Oakridge. Could go higher or lower ages.

Math, Science - elementry or jr high

maybe

Reading

reading - any age

reading, American history

reading, English, spelling etc

GROUP LEADER - LIST groups:

4-H club

Assist group leaders in any area

Board Gaming, Travel Club

Girl scouting troop leader brownies 2-3rd grade

kid book club

maybe

Museum group

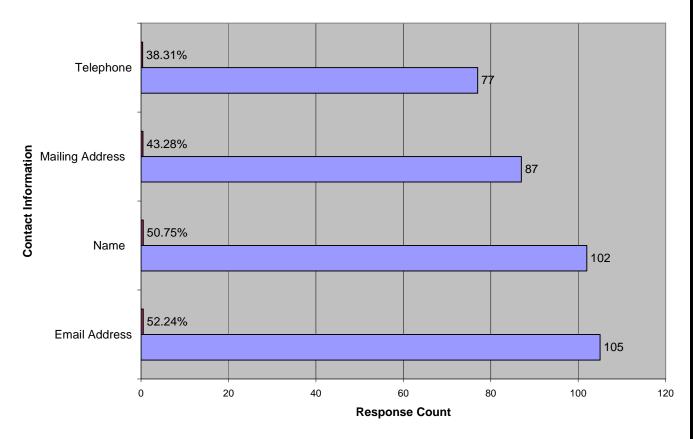
new moms group

small dog club

Travel

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Contact Info Provided	Count	Percentage
Email Address	105	52.24%
Name	102	50.75%
Mailing Address	87	43.28%
Telephone	77	38.31%



All Answers - By Popularity (prioritization)

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Youth Book Reviews/Author Visits	30	14.93%	
Karate	29	14.43%	1
Playgroup <2	29	14.43%	2
Personal Device Training & Info.Mgt	28	13.93%	4
Medical Issues/Conditions	23	11.44%	5
Bridge Night	22	10.95%	6
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Youth Social Dances	17	8.46%	3
Resume Writing	14	6.97%	4
Marriage	12	5.97%	5
Tax Prep. Instruction & Assistance	10	4.98%	4
Substance Abuse	4	1.99%	5
Stepfamily	2	1.00%	5

All Suggestions - sorted

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dodgeball tournaments

Dog training

elementary science/ math projects

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Home Improvement Workshops

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Pets, health

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Photography, Book Club, Film Club

Physical Activitiy, Fitness

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ping pong

Ping pong tables

Ping Pong Tournament

Playgroup for young children

Playgroups and activities for kids

Playgroups and activities for toddlers

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Pool tables

re the above, I would tutor or offer support

Rec center area; games for kids and teens on rainy days

Retirement Planning

Robotics, Science

Room rental for birthday parties

Rummy Kube

Salsa Dancing and Tap Dancing

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storytime, reading, arts & crafts, acting (musicals), movie hour, math

strength training &/or other exercise classes; cooking/nutrition--recipe evolution; Great

Books discussion

Summer Camps, Language Classes

summer programs

Table Tennis

Tae Kwon Do

tai chi, cooking

Things for little kids

Toastmasters (Speaking) and Cooking

tutoring

utilize the facility

Volleyball

Walking/Exercise, Speaking, 4-H club, Volunteer in neighborhood--pick up trash,

anything neighborhood needed

Weight Watchers Meetings

Weight Watchers or TOPS

what is personal device training?

women's club meetings/events

writing, storytelling, quilting

Yet!

Yoga for kids