

## INCLUSIVE RECREATION

Under the guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), it is the intent of the Vancouver Clark Parks and Recreation Department to include people of all abilities in recreation programs and activities of their choice. Every reasonable attempt will be made to accommodate individuals with disabilities to allow them to have a safe, enjoyable experience. Participants are expected to abide by the guidelines in the standard activities behavior policy. All reasonable accommodations will be in accordance with the guidelines of the ADA. Examples of accommodations could be a sign language interpreter, Braille print copies, a staff assistant(mentor), adaptive equipment, etc.

The following steps are necessary when a customer requests special accommodations:

- ❖ Using the parks and recreation brochure as a guide, determine which activity(s) you wish to participate in, contacting a customer service representative at any of the recreation centers if you have questions/want to register or register on line at [www.vanclarkparks-rec.org](http://www.vanclarkparks-rec.org).
- ❖ Request an inclusion form at any parks and recreation office, or online at [www.vanclarkparks-rec.org](http://www.vanclarkparks-rec.org). Fill it out and return it allowing two working weeks to have your request filled.
- ❖ In order to qualify for assistance under ADA guidelines an individual must meet the essential eligibility requirements for participation in recreation services with or without reasonable accommodation. This includes the ability to follow directions.

If accommodations and/or alternative information formats are needed in accordance with the ADA, please call 487-7057 at least 10 working days in advance of the registration deadline or event (whichever is earlier). Individuals using teletype equipment (TTY), call 487-7060. The Vancouver Clark Parks and Recreation Department will make every attempt to provide reasonable accommodations, however, failure to request an accommodation within the specified time frame may limit our ability to complete the request.

Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation reserves the right to immediately terminate participation in a program if it is deemed necessary by staff.

There is no charge for accommodations unless you are signing up for drop in programs. Drop in programs such as Child Watch, Fitness, Aquatics, and Teen Zones will cost \$11/hour for us to provide one on one staff assistance. Clients requiring personal care must bring their own caregiver or can choose to pay \$16/hour for us to provide staff assistance. The only exception to this policy is summer camps, where funding has been acquired specifically for personal care.

Inclusion Services can be reached at 360-487-7057 or by email at [Inclusion.Services@cityofvancouver.us](mailto:Inclusion.Services@cityofvancouver.us). You can access our forms online at [www.vanclarkparks-rec.org](http://www.vanclarkparks-rec.org).

Forms:            Introduction letter  
                     Polices and Procedures  
                     Inclusion/ATR Intake Form  
                     Inclusion Request Form  
                     Inclusion Evaluation  
                     Medical-Medication Hold Harmless Release  
                     Authorization for Self-Administration of Medication