

CSI: STEM/Leadership Youth Camp Creates, Shapes and Inspires Future Innovators

BY DEBBY TEICH

This summer, kids can learn about leadership, participate in fun STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) activities, take exciting field trips, and meet with a local judge. The Broward County Crime Commission's CSI: Leadership Youth Summer Camp offers all of this, and more. The camp is trademarked and developed by the Broward County Crime Commission in cooperation with US Public Safety and Management.

One of the roles of the Broward County Crime Commission is to assess and evaluate crime in Broward County, as well as social issues that can lead to crime, and work with the Criminal Justice System to come up with solutions. The camp was developed to better educate the youth of Broward County about the Criminal Justice System and enhance public safety/community relations, so that future incidents such as Ferguson, Missouri, do not occur. Children learn about the great things that they can (and should) achieve in life, versus the different obstacles in society that can detour children down the wrong path towards a life of crime.

"If kids have the tools, skills and inspiration to change the world, there would be less crime," said James DePelisi, CEO/President of Broward Crime Commission. "At the camp, they learn about STEM and leadership, as well as respecting the law and Criminal Justice System. We want kids to understand all of the great things that they can achieve in life."

The summer camp program is for children ages 8 - 16 years old, and it is open to the entire community. One of the camp's two locations included Pembroke Pines Charter Middle School, 1850 Pembroke Road, where it runs from July 5 to 15, Monday to Friday, from 8am - 4:30pm. Aftercare is also available. Instructors include: retired police officers, active police officers, certified school teachers, college students, engineers, retired engineers, and others.

The kids will learn about law enforcement and courtroom procedure. They will listen to guest speakers from various law enforcement agencies, the State Attorney's Office, the US Attorney's Office, and Judges from within the Broward County Courthouse. They will participate in leadership, self-esteem and confidence building activities. They will engage in theoretical and conceptual science projects that are associated with Science, Technology, Engineering and Math projects (including forensics) and relate to real world situations. They will also take



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field trips to public safety, criminal justice and environmental venues that associated with camp modules.

"This camp would not be possible without continued support from Pembroke Pines Police Department's Chief of Police Dan Giustino and Assistant Chief of Police Neil Vaughan," said DePelisi. "We also owe thanks to Pembroke Pines Charter Middle School for letting us use their campus."

For information, visit www.browardcrime.org or send an email to Hope@BrowardCrime.org.

Stay Cool and Have Fun at Paradise Cove Water Park

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Located inside C.B. Smith Park in Pembroke Pines, Paradise Cove Water Park is the Broward County Parks and Recreation Division's largest aquatic facility. It offers something for everyone, making it one of the best places in the area to cool off during the summer.

"We have been to water parks all over the country and the best one is right in our own backyard," said Rhonda Klein, who lives across the street from the park. "During the summer, we spend most weekends there. It is fun for the whole family and you can't beat the price. We can spend the entire day there and it costs less than a movie."

The park offers the following water-based activities:

- **Paradise Pipeline** features four five-story-tall waterslides that vary in length from 395 to 430 feet. More than 400 gallons of water per minute move riders through the corkscrew, until they exit into a four-foot-deep plunge pool. Riders must be 42 inches tall, weigh less than 250 pounds, and be able to swim.
- **Sharky's Lagoon** is a water playground for all ages. It features an 18-inch-deep pool with three waterslides that vary in length from 83 feet to 125 feet, as well as other interactive play elements.
- **Parrot's Point** is a water playground for ages 5 and under. It features a



Parrot's Point



Sharky's Lagoon

12-inch-deep pool with two small waterslides and many other interactive play elements.

- **Crazy Creek** is a 410-foot-long, meandering tube ride with interactive play elements along the route.
- **Swimming lessons** are available at Paradise Cove from June through August. Dates vary.

When visitors get hungry, they can visit the Paradise Grill or Sand Dollar for food and drinks. The water park also has 20' diameter "Funbrellas" (capacity 30), picnic tables, and lockers for rent. All of this makes it a great place for small events, such as birthday parties, family gatherings, summer camp groups, and more.

During aquatics season, Paradise Cove is open from 9:30am - 5:20pm. The calendar is posted on the website. Admission fees are \$10/person for all-day admission and \$6.75/person after 3pm. Children under age one are admitted free. A season pass (Find It All card) is available for \$76 per person. The park's regular gate entrance fee of \$1.50/person (children 5 and under free) is also in effect on weekends and holidays.



Funbrellas



Paradise Pipeline

Paradise Cove is located inside C.B. Smith Park, 900 N Flamingo Road. For information, call 954-357-5170 or visit www.broward.org/parks/cbsmithpark.