



## *Press Release*

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### **Salt Lake City Announces YouthCity at Liberty Park**

*-- City's Youth Program Also Opens at Fairmont Park, Day-Riverside Library and the Gullivan Center*

*-- Full Schedule of Summer Activities Offered Throughout the City*

*-- [www.YOUTHCITY.COM](http://www.YOUTHCITY.COM) Launched*

In a press conference today, Mayor Rocky Anderson and Rick Graham, Director of the Salt Lake City's Public Services Department, officially opened YouthCity at Liberty Park, an after-school and summer program housed in the newly-renovated North Shelter building.

YouthCity, Salt Lake City's youth program, provides fun, enriching activities for young people during out of school time. YouthCity Summer will include classes in Capoeira (Brazilian martial arts), Urban Groove, filmmaking, tennis, visual arts, dance, swimming, chess, folk arts, digital photography, gardening, community service and more.

"Creating a place where young people can learn, explore their talents and build relationships with each other and with adult mentors is one of the most powerful benefits our city parks can offer," said Mayor Rocky Anderson. "We are fortunate to be working with partners who understand the importance of creating opportunities for youth. Both YouthCity and this building represent the coming together of so many people and organizations—including county and city government, arts and educational organizations, businesses, and other youth providers. YouthCity is truly a community effort."

YouthCity has operated in several locations throughout Salt Lake City, including Central City Recreational Center, Northwest Multipurpose Center, the Sorenson Multi-Cultural Center, and city schools and libraries. New YouthCity locations announced today include the following:

#### YouthCity at Liberty Park

Housed in the former North Shelter building, YouthCity at Liberty Park will offer full-day programming. Program partners include: Rhythms of Life, Salt Lake Capoeira, Salt Lake Community College – Thayne Center of Service, Salt Lake Country Parks and Recreation - Liberty Park Pool & Tennis, Schoolhouse Chess of Utah, Spy Hop Productions, Utah Arts Council - Chase Home, Utah Food Bank and Wasatch Community Gardens.

### YouthCity at Fairmont Park

Located in the cottage directly south of the new Fairmont Aquatic Center, YouthCity at Fairmont will offer half-day activities in a variety of visual, performing and multimedia arts. Fairmont Park is also home to a brand new skate park, which opened in mid-June. Program partners include: Rhythms of Life, Salt Lake Capoeira, Schoolhouse Chess of Utah, Salt Lake Community College- Thayne Center of Service, Salt Lake Parks and Recreation - Fairmont Aquatic Center and the Boys and Girls Club, Sugarhouse.

### YouthCity at Day-Riverside Library

YouthCity's arts education program, Global Artways, teams up with the Museum of Utah Art & History to offer mural and bookmaking classes for 12-15 year-olds. for details.

### YouthCity Employment at Gallivan

YouthCity Employment, a job, training, skills and mentoring program for teens, joins Global Artways, Spy Hop Productions and the Gallivan Center to sponsor summer arts employment opportunities. Participants will create public artwork such as window paintings and light pole banners for local businesses and the city.

### **www.YOUTH CITY.com**

YouthCity also announced a new website, [www.youthcity.com](http://www.youthcity.com). The site will be a resource for parents and young people looking for quality after-school and summer activities. In addition to information about YouthCity programs and events, the site will include a chat area and links to YouthCity partner websites.

### **ABOUT YOUTH CITY**

YouthCity, Salt Lake City's youth program, is designed to maximize opportunities for young people to succeed in life. YouthCity includes a variety of opportunities for school-aged youth, including employment, government/civics, after-school and summer, arts education and community service programs.

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