

WHAT IS ICOMPETE?

Our mission is to introduce underserved families to arts, academics, and athletics by breaking down barriers of access to better prepare for life experiences. The goal is to stimulate interest, provide academic support, and increase opportunities to participate in organized sports, clubs, or community programs. The following agencies have partnered to develop this program: Partners for Our Communities, Palatine Park District, Palatine Township, Palatine Police Department, Palatine High School, and Community Consolidated School District 15.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 27

Falcon Park Recreation Center

ICompete Dance Recital

Saturday, December 9

Cutting Hall Performing Arts Center

Winter Wonderland

Saturday, December 2

Community Resource Center (CRC)

1585 N. Rand Road

Summer Camp 2017

Summer Camp was offered to 100 participants living in the northeast quadrant of Palatine from July 17 through July 28. Ten full days of fun kept everyone enjoying the warm weather! A combination of local and Chicago based trips were included in the planning with hopes of providing new experiences for campers.

Palatine Police Department continued their support by sending five to eight officers daily to promote community policing and outreach to families. Each officer partnered up with a specific age group engaging in the daily activities. Campers looked forward to seeing the familiar faces every morning.

With the help of collaborative partners, this camp is designed to remain affordable for youth. ICompete is also proud to announce two new donors for Summer Camp 2017: Andigo and Lavelle Law.



Fitness for Families (at CRC, 1585 N. Rand Rd.)

- **Youth:** Dance classes for youth will begin mid-October. Returning classes including Ballet, Bollywood, Hip-Hop, and Hula will be Tuesday through Saturday. Classes are offered on a first come, first served basis. Classes take place for 10 weeks and students work on a choreographed performance that is shown at Cutting Hall at the end of each season.
- **Adult:** Returning for adults will be Cardio Kick and Pilates offered on Mon/Wed/Fri mornings. Instructor Erin Zitsch will lead morning work-outs that help get your day started! Registration is open until class is full. Newly introduced is a drop-in yoga class taught by Amy Svoboda in the new POC wellness space on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Stop in and join us!
- **Gym Renovations:** A very exciting summer project was completed in August at CRC! Gym renovations by a local eagle scout allowed for new mirrors, ballet bars, a freshly painted space, and hooks for bags and coats! Thank you to local donors who helped fund parts of this project! ICompete is extremely excited to have classes begin in the new space.

ICompete at ROOTS

In addition to having a plot space at ROOTS community garden, we moved a drop-in location to the garden as a way for families to tend to their plot space while children engage in outdoor fun with staff! ICompete drop-in programs are free to families and meant to be a safe space during evening hours for youth. This year ICompete planted a variety of fruits, vegetables, and sunflowers to be grown over the course of four months. We have seen tremendous success in our plot space, and look forward to participating next year. Donations of items have been made to 1585 N. Rand Road to help serve healthy food to families who are unable to commit to ROOTS throughout the summer.

ICompete Golf

Revelation Golf and ICompete work together to bring one week of instruction and skill-based learning to young boys and girls every August. This clinic offers 1-on-1 teaching to those who attend the half-day clinics. This year, Revelation Golf and ICompete participated in the all-girls LGPA golf outing at Conway Farms. The highlight of this event was when an ICompete participant had the opportunity to golf with the LGPA legend, Nancy Lopez!

Falcon Park After School Club & Edgebrook Community Center

After School Club for the school year will kick-off Monday, October 16 at both locations. Students who attend receive academic support and recreational activity during after-school hours.



ICompete staff and volunteers from Palatine and Fremd High Schools will help students who attend reach their full potential. Having the routine and support of their peers allows for students to work together on assignments, ask the difficult questions, and stay motivated!

TEEN CAMP 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

32 participants from District 15 in grades 7-8

9 days of fun activities

Many exciting trips including Schaumburg Sculpture Park, Willis Tower, and "Teen Chopped"

SUCCESS STORY

ICompete participants Leslie Rios and Amelia Perez had a BIG opportunity when they were invited to attend Space Camp free of charge before school started! This initiative was a collaborative effort between Community Consolidated School District 15 and Northrop Grumman. Both girls earned scholarships based upon academic accomplishments and interests in space and engineering. Both are currently enrolled in the ICompete Big Brothers Big Sisters program.



THANK YOU FROM ICOMPETE

I would like to personally thank all the staff, donors, and volunteers who have helped contribute to the success of ICompete. Whether it is through money, time, or heart please know how much your investment means. It is with great pride that ICompete selects some of the most committed and dedicated staff to support the many programs offered. However, without the help of many of you these programs would not be possible. Thank you for believing that this work matters, that affordable programming is necessary and most importantly for doing your part in making things happen! Cheers to continuing to put our best foot forward and offering another year of smiles to kids who deserve it.

-Rachel Lara

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