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March 3, 1972

Mr. Jim Vice
Chairman
Parks & Recreation Board
2546 Aimes Drive
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Jim:

It is a privilege for us to submit proposals for three distinctly different phases of the Summer Recreational Program which will be under the Montgomery Recreation Department in 1972. We hope that you will allow us to have an audience with the entire Recreation Board so that we might discuss these with you at length. We will be happy to handle any or all phases of the program we propose and to work with you in developing other programs.

Our proposals can be broken down into three different areas:

I. Montgomery "Y" Camp - A Residence Camp Program.

1. We propose a camping program for 180 boys, ages 8 through 14 for the period August 7 - 13, 1972. The cost of the camp will be \$40.00 for the six night seven day period compared to our regular camp fee of \$45.00 for the same period of time. This would mean a camping fee of \$7200.00.

In addition to our regular camp staff for this type program our experience last year proved that we need additional staff thus increasing the ratio of staff per boy from our normal 1 to 5 to 1 to 4 and further we must give our staff special training. Also we have found it necessary to provide some basic clothing such as a sleeping bag or sheets, towels and bathing suits to many of the campers because they do not own sufficient clothing to participate in the camp.

2. We further propose that a craft allowance be provided under this special program at a minimum of \$2.00 per boy and a maximum of \$5.00 per boy. The \$2.00 would be for basic crafts. The \$5.00 would allow the camper to participate in a wide variety of hand craft and wood work.

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3. We propose that the recruiting be the responsibility of the YMCA and that all Youth selected be recommended by one of the following sources; Schools, Community Centers, Housing Project Programs, Juvenile Courts, Children's Home and other qualified adults in our community. We will personally contact the Directors of the above agencies and the School Principals.

Each Youth that is selected should be made as a result of his work so that it will be either an incentive to his future or a reward for his behavior and efforts this year.

Our experience has shown that the mere fact that a youngster is indigent does not mean that a camping experience can be beneficial. If the youngster falls into the indigent category and has shown some basic desire in his school work or in some form of community work to better himself then the camp can be most meaningful. We would feel that also through this means of joint selection under the recommendation of school people or someone well qualified that we would eliminate those that would be coming without the desire to work cooperatively within the overall objectives of the camp.

4. The transportation as of last year would be arranged by the City Recreation Department and the time to depart on August 7th and return on August 13th would be mutually arranged. I would feel that we would be wise in recommending the departure and return from Paterson Field since there would be ample parking spaces available.

Payment would be made to the Montgomery "Y" Camp at the closing day of the camp and would include the amount of crafts agreed upon.

II. YMCA Camp Belser - A Day Camping Program.

1. We would propose that two weeks of camping be conducted with 100 boys and 100 girls in attendance at each camp.
2. The dates proposed would be Monday through Friday, August 7 - 11, 1972 and August 14 - 18, 1972.
3. The cost would be \$15.00 per boy or girl and would include all expenses such as transportation, crafts, lunch and leadership and insurance.

Our regular camp fee is \$15.00 per youth but we do not provide lunch as a part of the camp fee. Thus you can see that this would be an item of some cost to us. We will also provide one camp tee shirt for the boys and girls during this period and this is not included in our regular camp fee as well.

160
1280
7680
15360
7680
Per Day
Per Person

\$1000-
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4. We would propose that promotion would be based on the same procedure as the past and the age bracket would be for boys and girls ages 6 through 10.

The enclosed brochure on Camp Belzer and the Montgomery "Y" Camp outline the programs that we offer. We would offer the exact programs to these boys and girls participating in these camps as we would at our regular camping programs.

5. This represents a total cost of \$6000 and would be payable at the close of the camping program.

III. Cleveland Avenue YMCA - An In-Town Program.

1. We propose a five Saturday program from the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on the following dates; July 15, 22, 29 and August 5, 12.
2. The cost would be \$4.00 per boy per day and will include lunch, leadership, craft and an orange juice. With 150 boys and girls in this program this would mean an expense of \$600 per Saturday or total expenditure of \$3000.

The YMCA would provide the Director, we will work with the Recreation Department in recruiting all the young people who would take part and would provide all of the leadership in the various capacities necessary for the successful operation.


The program will consist of gym classes which will involve gymnastics, games, competitive sports; swimming which will include instructional swim, diving, advance swimming for those who are better swimmers and a recreational or free swim period; and tours to places of interest such as Oak Park, the Zoo, the Planetarium, tour of businesses and Industries that would be of interest to the boys and girls of this age and one day at Camp Belzer where they would have a special cook out.

The program would also include a craft period which would be conducted immediately following lunch in the heat of the day.

I believe we have covered all the pertinent points in each of these three proposals and we look forward to the chance to discuss these in full with you at such time is convenient with you.

We are dedicated to providing youth with a program that will challenge them to reach their full potential and conducting it in a wholesome atmosphere that will be of value to them in years ahead. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,


William C. Chandler
General Director

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cc: Mr. Don Bryan
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August 1, 1972

Mr. Jim Vice
Chairman of the Board
Parks & Recreation Department
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Vice:

Concerning the YMCA fields, I need to know how often to line off the fields, and how often the grass needs to be cut. The fields involved are listed below:

Highland Gardens
Chisholm
East Y
St. Bedes
Bear
Lanier
Carver

West End
Goode Street
WCOV
Queen of Mercy
Floyd
Robert E. Lee
Jeff Davis

A professional team from Montgomery has inquired about using Bellingraths' ball field. The charge for using the field is \$50 per night and the team has six games to play. They will want to practice two times a week and I think it would be wise to use different fields for these practices. The wear and tear will not be as bad on the fields this way and the condition of the fields will be better kept. The charge to practice on a field is \$10 per night.

The approximated cost to build the four fields at Goodwyn is \$17,000. This is excluding cost of labor and a concession stand. Included are backstops and fences. It will cost roughly \$6.50 per hour to hire an electrician.

The "C" and "B" teams should continue playing intermural games only. The purpose of these teams is to prepare the players for the varsity team. Many centers do not have enough players to have a "C" or "B" team.

Upon hiring anyone new in our sports program, I feel that I should be among the first to be introduced to them. We will be working together often and a proper introduction is necessary.

Sincerely,

Lynn D. Bozeman
Athletic Director