

Recreation reduces self-destructive behavior and negative activity in teens - an antidote to smoking, substance abuse, suicide and depression.

This section features teen program activities offered on the west side of Vancouver. Please see page 33 for teen opportunities on the east side of town at Firstenburg Community Center, and page 54 for teen tennis opportunities.

For Spring Break Day Camps, see page 10.

**ONGOING ACTIVITIES**

**The SPOT - Safe, Positive Outlet for Teens**

This is a safe, supervised, drug-free place specifically for middle and high school age youth to hang out. Video games to board games, computers to pool tables and sports in the gym. Picture ID required. FREE

M-F 2:30-5:30pm  
 F 8-11pm  
 Sa 2-6pm

The SPOT opens at noon on early release/no school days except for Spring Break 4/4-4/8, when hours will vary.

**Teen Open Gym**

Organized pickup games for 11 to 18-year-olds. One side of the gym is for full court games and the other for half-court games or other sports like pickle ball and volleyball. Picture ID required. **Marshall Center Gym.** FREE.

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 F 8-11pm



For related Youth Activities (11 and under) refer to page 7.

**FUN TIMES**

**SNL**

MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY. A night off for parents and a fun night for teens one Saturday each month. Parents know their child is enjoying a safe and positive evening out and they can do the same. Kids can enjoy swimming, video games, basketball, dancing and a lot more! Bring snack money. Parents must sign children in the first time and pick them up every time. **Marshall Community Center.**

Sa 7-10pm \$10  
 1/15, 2/12, 3/12, 4/16

**High School Dances**

Come party on the fourth Saturday of the month. The DJ will play the latest and hottest songs! Snacks are available for purchase. Proof of age required. **Luepke Community Center.**

Sa 9pm-midnight \$5  
 1/29, 2/26, 3/26, 4/23

**Video Game Challenges**

Ages 11-18. Link XBOX 360 systems together with a different game every month for a tournament with prizes. Do you have the skills to win the challenge? If you bring a system with controllers, you will receive a gift card to GameStop. Register in advance, so we know how many games we need.

M 1-5pm \$3  
**82676** 1/17 **82677** 2/21

**DAY TRIPS**

**Snow Fun at Cooper Spur**

Ages 11-18. Yes, skiing or snow boarding and snow tubes in one package! Switch from one to the other to see what you like. Bring lunch, snack, and a change of clothes; wear appropriate clothing. Price includes all equipment, transportation and supervision.

Sa 7am-5pm lift ticket \$50 lift plus all equipment \$60  
**82680** 1/29 **82681** 2/26

**Gameworks**

Ages 11-18. Take a trip to Seattle and enjoy one of the hottest places in the Northwest to play video games. Price includes transportation, supervision and a two-hour unlimited game card. Bring money for lunch.

**82683** Sa 3/26 9am-6pm \$50

**NEW! Skateboard Class**

at Ripzu Skateboard Park, 1417 NE 76th Street, Suite C. A signed waiver is required for all students and a helmet is required to skateboard. Call 694-9434 for more details.

**Skateboard Training**

Ages 6-12. Ripzu Skatepark sets the standard in skateboard training. To us skateboarding is a sport and Ripzu trains it that way. We cover fitness for skateboarding as well as riding techniques, tricks and safety. Classes are for beginner and advanced beginner skateboarders.

T/Th 6:30-7:30pm \$95  
**82685** 1/11 - 2/3 **82686** 2/8 - 3/3 **82687** 3/8 - 3/31