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For immediate release

Free activities to keep the kids amused this summer!

KidZones are back this summer holiday in a park near you. Norwich City Council has programmed eight free activity days for families in different open spaces within the city. The events are free and provide children with quality activities that engage and inspire, get them away from their computers and televisions and out and about within their communities.

The KidZone summer activities will be happening every Wednesday and Thursday from 26 July until 17 August. Entry is free and targeted at families with children under 12yrs.

The theme for 2006 is Science to tie in with the Science in the City Festival.

“Summer holidays can be a very expensive time for families and these events are free and on people’s doorsteps. Families and friends can meet up take a picnic and have a great day out in their own communities. “ Said Helen Selleck Event Manager for Norwich City Council.

In 2006 we will be taking the event to 8 areas:

Each Wednesday the activity will attract between 600 – 2,000 people.

On Thursdays the events will be taken to neighbourhoods for ‘Mini KidZone’ on a smaller scale targeted at the local communities only and will attract up to – 300 participants.

DATE	TIME	DAY	PARK
26 July	11:00 – 16:00hrs	Wednesday	Heartsease
27 July	11:00 – 16:00hrs	Thursday	Pilling Park
2 August	11:00 – 16:00hrs	Wednesday	Waterloo Park
3 August	11:00 – 16:00hrs	Thursday	Peterson Rd
9 August	11:00 – 16:00hrs	Wednesday	Eaton Park
10 August	11:00 – 16:00hrs	Thursday	Jubilee Park
16 August	11:00 – 16:00hrs	Wednesday	Sloughbottom Park
17 August	11:00 – 16:00hrs	Thursday	Ketts Cave

Activities include:

Big Bugs

Meet giant bugs from around the world including scorpions and spiders

Inspire

‘Outspire’

Norwich’s very own science discovery centre goes on the road.

Forceworks

Get your hands on instruments with forces, try pulley’s build bridges and try out your balancing skills.

Alongside the display there will be the chance to play with custard, make a whistle and make paper bang!

Puppet Theatre

Create a simple hand puppet to take away with you

Punch and Judy

Brian Clarke aka Professor Jingles is one of the main performers and makers of Punch and Judy in the world

Boxing - Jon Thaxton

Boxing exhibitions with motivational messages based around anti-bullying and personal achievement.

Fringe Project

Learn about garden birds and build a bird box for them to live in.

Tricky Trikes

Marvel over the mechanics of Doc Spinoff’s tricky trikes, where pedalling backwards can move you forward, don’t fall off!

Norfolk Wildlife Trust

Visit Norfolk Wildlife Trust’s high tech trailer and take part in wildlife quizzes and crafts

Arts and Crafts

A variety of colourful, creative arts and craft activities inspired by aspects of science.

Baseline

28 foot high climbing wall with overhangs up to six people climbing at a time.

Scrapbeat and CME

Fun creative activities including tuned “junk instruments” – long pipes make a deep sound, short pipes for a high sound and strings with water to demonstrate harmonics and vibration.

Circus Skills

Juggling workshops for all the family. 30-minute sessions running all day, come and play.

Sports Coaching Workshop

Come along and receive professional coaching in a wide range of sporting activities including; Football, Cricket, Korfbal, Golf, Tennis, Boxing, Basketball and also a Climbing Wall.

Workshops will run constantly throughout the day and are aimed at encouraging youngsters to try a new sport.

A different selection of sports workshops are on offer at each KidZone event!

Notes to editors

These events are subject to events licenses being approved by the Regulatory Committee by Wednesday 21 June 2006.

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