



(Photos by Ron Fawn)

One of Vaughan Parks and Recreation Department's most popular summer programs has been its swimming instruction and water safety program. Under direction of Claire Tucker of the recreation staff children from Thornhill, Maple, Kleinburg and Woodbridge took part in three two-week sessions, with a full busload being transported to the Thornhill pool daily. Most ended their course with Red

Cross swim awards for achievement at various levels of proficiency.

When the indoor pool at Woodbridge opens in the fall, the town's aquatics program will be expanded and will be in operation on a year-round basis.

The children pictured above are gaining confidence in the water by diving for coins on the bottom of the Thornhill Outdoor Pool.



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Junior Olympics at Vellore brought children from Vaughan's five summer fun centres together for a program of games and sports when children from the town-sponsored playgrounds in Maple, Kleinburg, Woodbridge, Thornhill and Concord demonstrated their skills to their parents. A highlight of the event, involving children from 5 to 12 years old, was a "Frisbee" Contest. Winners from

each of the preliminary competitions at the various playgrounds went on to compete at the CNE Baseball Diamond on Monday when trophies and prizes were awarded. Ken Westfield (left) and Jim Kenner (far right) representing the CNE Championship Contest, were on hand to witness the launching of the flying "Frisbees".

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## Vaughan Winds Up Best Ever Program Of Summer Recreation

By MARGARET LADE

The Town of Vaughan has just wound up its most successful and popular summer recreation program ever.

There were five playgrounds in operation, a day-camp for handicapped children, a sports program for young people in three communities and two drop-in recreation programs for junior teens, as well as swimming and water safety instruction for children in Thornhill with children bused to the pool from as far west as Woodbridge.

Close to 60 part-time staff were employed this summer as program co-ordinators, supervisors, counsellors, life guards, instructors and grounds keepers under guidance of the town's recreation Director Barry Young and program Supervisor Steve Fines.

The sports day camps in Maple, Woodbridge and Kleinburg have been particularly popular with the 11 to 16 year-old group with two sessions, July 2 to 26 and July 29 to August 23. In addition to traditional on-site sports such as baseball, soccer, volleyball, basketball, golf and archery, there have been special events such as bicycle hikes, horseback riding and barbecues. And in the final week the young people staged a car wash to raise funds for an overnight camp.

**HEADED PROGRAM**  
Supervising the program is Chris McAfee, who, with Rita Caranci, is in charge of the all-day program in Woodbridge, Donna Walker and Nancy Whrens supervised the sports camp at Maple in the mornings and in Kleinburg in the afternoons.

The youth centres for teens have been open two

nights a week from 8 to 11 pm in Maple and Woodbridge under supervision of Linda McCauley and Barry Reid, with between 50 and 60 young people engaged in sports and crafts and special events.

Crafts have ranged from window staining to batik, and special events have included horseback riding, roller skating, go-carting, swimming, hayrides, dances and a concert at Ontario Place. The program ended last Thursday.

### HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

The day camp for some 25 handicapped children operated in Maple Park and Arena, offering a therapeutic summer recreation program which encouraged the youngsters, six to 16, to take part in whatever physical activities they can perform. This included wheel-chair sports, arts, crafts and outings.

Outings have included a visit to the Ontario Science Centre, to the new Metro Zoo, Harbourfront '74, and if transportation can be arranged before the program ends Friday, a trip to Marine land and Game Farm at Niagara Falls.

Volunteers have been of inestimable help in this program, which has been supervised by Bonnie Samsing assisted by Mary McMillin, Karen Langdon and Wendy Hibberd.

The sports program and the day camp for the handicapped have been subsidized by grants from the Sports and Recreation Bureau of the Department of Community and Social Services.

### MOST POPULAR

Most popular and lively sports have been the five fun centres for youngsters

from five to 10. Games, sports, crafts, a visit to Black Creek Pioneer Village, a bicycle rodeo, a safari, a "topsy turvy" week with "Christmas in July" and the children giving gifts to Santa, were a build-up to a Junior Olympics day in Vellore August 9, and a corn-roast August 15 to which parents, friends, the handicapped and senior citizens were invited.

The program for the latter event included races, bonfire and sing-song. Friday was closing day for the fun centres, located in Maple, Kleinburg, Woodbridge, Thornhill and Concord.

### MAPLE SUPERVISORS

Supervisors at Maple were Ken Thompson, Anne Smith and Suzanne Manning; at Kleinburg; Ian Dawson and Ann Murray. In Woodbridge Karin Haas, Joy Dodson and Tina Krasnokutsky were in charge; at Thornhill—Marianne Ederhard and Ken Short, and in Concord, Phil Goodwin and Cheryl Evans.

Each of the centres worked out its own day-to-day program, but all got together for such special events as the Olympics and the corn roast. In all, over 200 children were registered.

The department has a full-time staff of 21, and is in the process of re-organization in anticipation of the opening of the Woodbridge indoor swimming pool which will make it possible to expand the swim program for the municipality, offering opportunities for expanding the swim program.

Facilities manager for pools and arenas in Vaughan is Harry Reid, and town council has approved the hiring of additional staff, including an aquatics supervisor to establish a year-round swim program.

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Competition was keen when children from the five summer fun centres in Vaughan met in Vellore August 9 for their Junior Olympics. Preparing for the take-off in the wheelbarrow race are (left back) Susan Usher, 7, and Beverley Brushet, 7 of Maple, and (right) Mark Northwood, 6, and Dean Cogle, 6, of Woodbridge. Also participating were children from playgrounds in Kleinburg, Concord and Thornhill.

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