



# Expanding Youth Opportunities

Mayor Tim Keller is investing in opportunities for every child in Albuquerque to stay safe and engaged. Before the pandemic, the Mayor added \$1 million each year to the budget for youth programs and more than 40,000 local youth were participating before-school, after-school or during summer, winter, and spring breaks. When the pandemic hit, the City stepped up with free childcare to frontline workers who could not stay home.

## Pandemic Response Proof Points

- Over half a million hours of childcare to frontline workers during the pandemic
- Adapted community centers and child development centers to serve essential workers
- Fought to keep programs open when other cities were closing
- Hired almost 1,000 young people each summer
- Added \$1 million per year to the budget for youth programs

**500K+**

Hours of Childcare to Frontline Workers

**\$1M**

Added to the Budget for Youth Programs

**18,119**

Virtual Program Participants

## ENRICHING OUT OF SCHOOL EXPERIENCES FOR YOUTH

### The Community Recreation Division

Manages 24 Community Centers located throughout the City of Albuquerque. Besides the traditional recreational programs that take place at the centers, many new and innovative programs are now part of the services offered for children age 6 to 15, youth and adults at these facilities:

- Before & After School Programs
- Community Center Summer Recreation

- Playground Recreation Summer Programs

### Parks and Recreation

- Racquet Sports: Tennis lessons for youth and adults at Jerry Cline Recreation & Tennis Center, Sierra Vista, Arroyo del Oso, Ventana Ranch, and North Domingo Baca.
- Pickleball lessons for youth and adults at Manzano Mesa.

### Aquatics

- Learn to Swim: City of Albuquerque swimming pools offer a learn to swim program that focuses on water safety, education, beginner stroke development, and advanced stroke technique.
- Kids Triathlon Classes: Classes are designed to provide those skilled young people, who pass all the prerequisites, the opportunity to become familiar with the sport of Triathlon.
- Metro League: The metro league is an introductory competitive swim and water polo program with an emphasis in FUN!

### Golf

- Junior Golf: Junior Golf Camps are available at all City Courses for Beginner to Intermediate players. Campers will learn golf etiquette, rules and the basic fundamentals of the golf swing, chipping and putting.





“When we’re there for kids, we’re there for families--and speaking as a parent of two kids, after more than a year of Covid cancellations and shutdowns, our families need help. Support for youth has been a priority not even a global pandemic could shake.”

—Mayor Tim Keller



#### Outdoor Adventures

- Summer Explorer Camp: Elementary-aged youth join environmental educators outdoors at the Open Space Visitor Center hiking in the cottonwood forest, along the river, and in the native plant gardens, exploring the bosque ecosystem.
- Outdoor Field School Summer Camp: Explore, discover, and learn about the natural world through fun, hands-on science outdoors.
- Teen Trek: Join the Open Space Division, BioPark, and Explora for fun out-of-school activities that introduce teens to a diversity of STEAM career opportunities while providing positive social-emotional learning experiences during the current pandemic.
- Family Nature Clubs: Family Nature Clubs make it easy and fun for families to enjoy healthy outdoor activities together.

#### Arts and Culture

- Explora: Explora offers a variety of school year and summer programs

that provide STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) engagement and enrichment.

- Libraries: The Public Library of Albuquerque-Bernalillo County has events throughout the year at all facilities for youth and families! Check your local branch for details.
- Albuquerque Museum School: Albuquerque Museum seeks to enhance children’s artistic and cultural development through year-round classes and workshops in art and history.
- Anderson Abruzzo International Balloon Museum Summer Camp: Youth explore art, “envelopes,” weather science, and all things ballooning.



#### Albuquerque Police Department (APD)

- Camp Fearless will focus on building positive relationships and self-image, engaging with positive role models, leadership, physical fitness, and team building so participants are equipped with skills to develop successful and healthy lifestyles.



“I love going to Jack Candelaria Community Center because it’s like a home to me and all the rec leaders are really cool.”

—Emiliano C.