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SOUTH JORDAN CITY LEADING THE WAY IN VIRTUAL RECREATION EVENTS

SOUTH JORDAN, UT – South Jordan City is leading the way in offering its residents fun and interactive virtual events and programs. All segments of recreation have come together under one theme **#sojostayconnected** including the SoJo Race Series, youth programs, arts and events to offer fun and engaging activities for residents.

“It is important to keep offering recreation programs to residents during these uncertain times to help improve our resident’s mental wellbeing and reduce stress,” said Janell Payne, South Jordan’s associate director of recreation.

The South Jordan Parks and Recreation Department coordinators have shifted their focus from in-person activities to virtual at-home activities.

“South Jordan City has a group of amazing coordinators that have been able to think out of the box and come up with these fun and exciting activities,” Payne said.

For those individuals looking to get outside and continue their fitness goals, the SoJo Virtual Race Series was added to an already popular SoJo Race Series which includes a variety of different themed 5K and 10K races. Runners have the opportunity to sign up to receive different race routes each week and can send in timing results, pictures and videos of themselves running.

“This is an opportunity for the runners in our community to get out and explore the different areas of the City they may have not known about,” said Brad Vaske, South Jordan’s SoJo Race Series coordinator.

Current Events

- Virtual Race Series – Currently Open
www.sjc.utah.gov/sojoraceseries/2020virtualraces/
Runners sign up to receive different race routes each week and submit their times each week for a chance to win various prizes.
125 current participants

- Virtual Earth Day 10K – April 20-25
www.sjc.utah.gov/event/sojo-earth-day-10k-2020/
*Runners complete the 10K course on their own time during the allotted timeframe and submit times online. Runners receive a medal and shirt.
75 current participants*
- Story Walks – Begins Week of April 13
An interactive story experience where participants can walk along the Jordan River Trail while reading page displays from popular children's books. Participants can submit photos with their favorite pages and send them in for a chance to win prizes.
- Virtual Soccer Program – Begins Week of April 13
South Jordan has partnered with the Real Monarchs to offer at home soccer drill and challenge videos that will be posted on the City's website and Facebook page. Participants will be able to send in videos of themselves doing the drills and challenges for a chance to win prizes.
- Madden Football Virtual Tournament – Registration Opens Week of April 13
*Register at register.sjc.utah.gov
Participants compete in a virtual Madden Football tournament all from the comfort of their own home.*
- SoJo How to Draw Videos – Currently online
www.facebook.com/cityofsouthjordan/videos/2963804427009474/
Participants can watch a creative how to video hosted on the City's Facebook page on how to draw some fun holiday themed characters.

Past Events

- Spring Spectacular
*Participants decorated an Easter egg drawing and turned them in for a cool prize. Winners will be picked from each age group.
Over 1,000 individuals participated*
- SoJo Photo Contest
Participants sent in photos from around the city and the public voted on the best.
- Neighborhood Chalk Art
Participants were encouraged to create drawing and inspiring messages around their homes and sidewalks.

For more information about current virtual events, visit www.sjc.utah.gov.

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