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AmeriCorps Kicks Off Sixth Annual Idaho@Play Week

Idaho's AmeriCorps members will help combat childhood obesity and mark the sixth annual Idaho@Play week with a series of statewide events during June.

AmeriCorps members will host two free outdoor activities in Boise:

- Thursday, June 2, from 1-3 p.m. at Grace Jordan Elementary, 6411 Fairfield Ave., Boise. Last day of school celebration with bicycle obstacle courses, yoga, giant bubbles and box fort building.
- Saturday, June 11, 10 a.m.-noon at Boise Zoo, 355 Julia Davis Drive. Trip to the zoo with disabled vets followed by lunch.

Six other events are scheduled statewide and include:

- Saturday, June 4, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Airport Park Baseball Fields, Airport Road and Teeple's Road, Blackfoot. Kickball tournament, motor bike rally and comic-con super hero race.
- Saturday, June 4, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Farmers Market, South Main St., Moscow. Free bike repair, dancing, games and prizes for kids.
- Wednesday, June 8, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Atlas Elementary School 3000 W. Honeysuckle Ave., Hayden. Field day event at the school with exercise station where AmeriCorps members will lead students in fun exercises as a way to promote getting out and active.
- Saturday, June 11, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Portneuf Wellness Complex, 777 Hospital Way, Pocatello. Family Fun Days event.
- Sunday, June 12, Lewiston, noon-3 p.m. at Sunset Park, 2602 11th Ave., Lewiston. Recreation mobile bus filled with toys and games.
- Wednesday, June 15, Jerome, all day at Blue Lakes Trout Farm. Veterans Fishing Day followed by a barbecue.

According to a 2011 report done by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Idaho childhood obesity rate declined from 12.3 percent to 11.5 percent between 2008 and 2011 for low income families. The obesity rate for 2-4 year olds was 11.5 percent and for 10-17 year olds it was 10.6 percent.

Idaho@Play is a statewide initiative that brings AmeriCorps members and community volunteers together to promote play as a way to combat childhood obesity.

Serve Idaho, a division of the Idaho Department of Labor, encourages voluntary public service and volunteerism throughout the state. The Serve Idaho Commission is funded in part by the Corporation for National and Community Service and the Idaho Department of Labor. To learn more about Serve Idaho and volunteering, visit ServeIdaho.gov.

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