The City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department Day Care and Pre – School Programs

The City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department offers Day-Care operations and Pre-School programs at two facilities year round in the City for children ages 2-5 from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. weekdays. Seasonal opportunities are also available from August to May or the Summer Camp in June and July.

Locations are in west El Paso at Galatzan Recreation Center, 650 Wallenberg Dr. and in northeast El Paso at Veterans Recreation Center, 5301 Salem Dr. The hours of operation are 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. weekdays except city holidays.

Five domains are taught in writing, math, social studies, science and art along with letters, colors, numbers, shapes, story-time, and music.

Both locations are licensed through the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services with professionally trained, certified, and caring staff to make each child feel welcomed. A variety of programs is offered along with giving an equally great learning experience.

The staff members at Galatzan and Veterans Day Care Centers are trained in early childhood education so they can help each child grow developmentally while also nurturing their growing skills. Both facilities offer a mix of activities during the day to teach different skills, such as singing, dancing, storytelling and outdoor recreational play. The children also learn about colors, numbers, ABC’s and socialization skills in a structured setting along with many varied activities to stimulate their mind.

Each center offers a multitude of activities and events that are age appropriate and provide a wholesome and healthy perspective in learning. Although there are no field trips, presenters do come to the Center to invigorate the children on a variety of topics.

Benefits are endless when it comes to recreation and even more so with childcare as both pre-schools have smaller classroom sizes, instructor turnaround is low and families continue to bring in the next generation of children.

The Day Care fees are listed below and for more specific information call:

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<th>Location</th>
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<td>Galatzan Recreation Center</td>
<td>650 Wallenberg Dr.</td>
<td>District 8</td>
<td>(915) 212-0735</td>
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<td>Veterans Recreation Center</td>
<td>5301 Salem St.</td>
<td>District 4</td>
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<td>(more than 6 hours/day)</td>
<td>$315 (resident)</td>
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<td>Pre-school Program (monthly)</td>
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The mission of the Parks and Recreation Day Care Program is to provide instruction and activities in manipulative, dramatic, and imaginative play that will assist in developing the child’s intellect, gross and fine motor skills, as well as aid in socialization for children 2-5 yrs. of age.

The two daycares by the City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department are Child Care Services (CCS) Providers which is a program designated to help qualifying parents with some or all of the program fees. Please contact the centers below at their respective phone numbers for more specific information.

**Veterans Recreation Center**  
5301 Salem St.  
District 4  
(915) 212-0754  

**Hours of operation – 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Monday – Friday)**

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650 Wallenberg Dr.  
District 8  
(915) 212-0735  

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$210 (resident)  
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Lisa M. Perez, Veterans Preschool/Daycare
Lisa M. Perez is the Preschool/Daycare Director for Veterans Center and has been employed by the City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department for 23 years.
Ms. Perez started at the Pavo Real Preschool/Daycare in 1996 and later became the Director until 2006 and later that year moved on to being the Veterans Preschool/Daycare Director.
To see a smiling face each day and in working with a talented and dedicated staff truly makes the northeast Veterans Preschool/Daycare an exciting place to bring one’s child for an educational and fun experience.

Information (915) 212-0754
Veronica Paredes

**Veronica Paredes, Veterans Preschool/Daycare**  
Ms. Paredes is an El Paso native and a 2009 Graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso with a B.A. in Multidisciplinary Studies.

After college graduation Ms. Paredes started working for the City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department at the Galatzan Day Care/Pre-School Program where she has since been named Director serving in that capacity for the past __ years.

The experience of working with the young children and shaping their minds for the future is an exciting and wonderful opportunity that Ms. Veronica Paredes has enjoyed throughout her career with the Department and has been a proven and exceptional leader for a much-needed program in the El Paso community.

**Information (915) 212-0735**