

KEEP IRVING BEAUTIFUL



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Photos (clockwise from upper left): Boy Scout Troop 773 at Centennial Park; Cimarron Park Recreation Center group at the Butterfly Garden; Mustang Summer Campers with their tree seedlings; KIB's newest Adopt-a-Spot volunteers, the Sears Family.

KIB welcomed the summer season with a variety of activities, many of them youth driven. We began the month with Boy Scout Troop 773 joining KIB for a cleanup at Centennial Park on Saturday, June 3. That next Monday, youth from Cimarron Rec Center met KIB at the Bird's Fort Trail Butterfly Garden, and learned about plants and pollinators from our guide, KIB volunteer Fatema Biviji. We continued the youth theme with a visit to Hackberry Creek Church Vacation Bible School on June 7, where the 5th graders learned about KIB, participated in a litter pickup, then painted birdhouses. Our first of several visits to Irving Rec Center Summer Camp programs was to Mustang Park on June 12. With the help of the Urban Forestry and Horticulture Teams, the children potted tree seedlings to take home. We wrapped up the month with the Surti Leuva Patidar Samaj (SLPS) Youth Group conducting a cleanup at Sam Houston Trail Park on June 23.

Not to be outdone by the youth, adult volunteers contributed in a big way as well. On June 8, Verizon employees painted safety railings at Running Bear Park, then had a cleanup. On June 16, KIB partnered with Nexstar Media Group for their "Founder's Day of Caring" at Trinity View Park, where part of the group picked up litter while the others painted. This was KIB's third year to participate in this event. Gartner employees had a cleanup at T.W. Richardson Grove Park on June 20, and we joined our friends from the Adult Day Therapeutic Program for a tour of Fire Station 2 on June 22.

KIB STATE RECOGNITION

Our state organization, Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) held their annual conference from June 26-28, where Keep Irving Beautiful was honored with our 16th consecutive Sustained Excellence Award, and was recognized for achieving the highest affiliate level, the Gold Star.

UPCOMING EVENTS

KIB is looking forward to more visits to recreation center summer campers to plant tree seedlings. We will be at Senter Park on July 10, Northwest Park on July 12 and Georgia Farrow on July 17.

July is National Recreation and Parks Month, and to help celebrate, KIB will attend the "Where Irving Grows" event at Heritage Park on Saturday, July 22. Stop by the KIB table and paint a birdhouse!

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 23 – for the 32nd Annual Trash Bash at T.W. Richardson Grove Park. Online registration opens soon.

ADOPT-A-SPOT

"Adopt-a-Spot" continues to be a vital and active part of KIB programming. Welcome to our newest "adopters," the Sears Family, who recently joined the program!