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Youth programs wrap it up

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CAMDEN

On a day that seemed more like June than August, a couple of summer programs for youth celebrated Friday as they drew to a close.

Kids descended in droves on Johnson Park in South Camden for the city's annual Youth Day, an all-day extravaganza of games, rides, music and food that marks the end of the summer program at city parks and recreation centers.

"It's a good way to bring the community together," said the Rev. Tony Evans, the city's director of Health and Human Services, who estimated attendance at more than 3,000 drawn from all parts of the city.

"Diversity is what Camden's all about," Evans said.

Meanwhile in North Camden, a group of high school students who have been mapping the trees in that part of the city gathered to watch the regional administrator of the federal Environmental Protection



Photos by JOHN ZIOMEK/Courier-Post
Jonathan Townsend, 2 (right), and Marlin Arce, 1, both of Camden, ride a train during Camden's annual Youth Day celebration at Johnson Park on Friday.

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Agency award their program a \$10,000 grant.

"One way to improve the environment in cities is to give tomorrow's adults -- today's teens -- a better understanding of the importance of trees and green spaces in urban centers," the administrator, Alan J. Steinberg, said.

Steinberg presented a check to Hopeworks 'N Camden, the nonprofit group that hired the eight high school students to survey trees and map their location.

The six-week program, which aims to promote knowledge of technology as well as trees, ends Aug. 18.

Like other programs at Hopeworks, which has been developing youth via technology since 1999, the theme of this one is "learning to learn," said Tarren Anderson, the director of the agency's Geographic Information Systems program.

Standing next to a tree he identified as an "American linden," Raheem Richards, 15, took pains to explain to a visitor how he and other students use rods and geometry to measure the trees and a hand-held computer to pinpoint the location and enter the data.

"When I go home now, I look at the trees and try to identify them," said Shaniece Phillips, 15, who said she has found sycamores, silver maples and Bradford pears in her East Camden neighborhood.

Whether the survey will lead to any new trees is unknown, but at least there will be a "good visual of green spaces in North Camden" to work with, Anderson said.

Back at Johnson Park, Janet Jimenez, 15, was running a game of chance that involved tossing a football through a target.

She appeared to be enjoying herself, encouraging girls as well as boys to try their luck, and handing out what she called "small" prizes.



Members of Hopeworks 'N Camden (from left) Alex Mercado, Autumn Wiggins, Jakaiye Pettey, and David Collins, survey trees in Camden on Friday.



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Mr. C. serves up snow cones to a large crowd gathered at Centerville Park for Camden's Youth Day, on Friday.

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"I like working with kids," said Jimenez, who was employed by the city as a recreation counselor this summer.

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Sean Bey, 13, said he liked the music best.

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Kandis Roberts, 11, said "the rides."

Her cousin, Jameer Roberts, 13, said "everything."

Up on a hill overlooking the "twister," the pony rides and the rest was an area that, if lines are any indication, was most popular of all.

Free food: hot dogs, hamburgers, ribs and water ice.

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