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SUBJECT: Annual Park Point Sandmodeling Contest Summer Beach Bash and Water Safety Expo

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**Annual Park Point Sandmodeling Contest Summer Beach Bash and Water
Safety Expo
Thursday, July 18 • Park Point Beach**

It is time to have some fun in the sun! Parks and Recreation will hold the Annual Sandmodeling/Summer Beach Bash and Water Safety Expo on Thursday, July 18th from 11:00-4:00 PM.

Annual Sandmodeling Contest

Sandmodeling teams are invited to create their own works of art in the sand from 11:00-1:30. Bring your shovels, pails, creativity and build a work of art. A panel of judges will review all the sand sculptures with prizes given in several categories. The YMCA will be on hand to coordinate activities such as a beach tug of war, hula hoop contest, water balloon toss, treasure hunt, beach volleyball, field games, and face painting. Live music will also be provided.

Water Safety Expo

The Water Safety Expo will take place at the Park Point Beach House which is located at 45th Street and Minnesota Avenue. The Expo is FREE to the public. There will be informational booths, games, with several demonstrations on safety topics such as rescue boards, throw rings, life jacket fittings, and more. Other demonstrations will include weather safety, rip currents, and kayaking. Various organizations will provide guests with tips on how to stay safe at the beach this summer, including information about severe weather, hypothermia, and, of course – rip currents. Organizations will include Duluth YMCA Lifeguards, Northland Red Cross, Amateur Radio Club, Duluth Fire Department, National Weather Service, Duluth Power Squadron, Minnesota and Wisconsin Sea Grant, Essentia Health/SMDC, MN Department of Health, Great Lakes Surf Rescue Project, UMD Recreational Sports Outdoor Program, US Coast Guard Duluth, USCG Auxiliary

This event is sponsored by City of Duluth Parks and Recreation, YMCA and Minnesota and Wisconsin Sea Grant.

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Bring your shovels, pails, creativity and build a work of art in the sand from 11:00-1:30. Prizes will be given in several categories. Join the YMCA in a beach zumba exercise routine, beach tug of war, hula hoop contest, water balloon toss, treasure hunt, beach volleyball, field games, and face painting.

Water Safety Expo

Learn how to be safe in the water. There will be games and several demonstrations on safety topics such as rescue boards, throw rings, life jackets plus demonstrations on weather safety, rip currents and kayaking. Learn tips on how to stay safe at the beach this summer, including information about severe weather, and hypothermia.

