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Free children's life jackets available this boating season

THE COLONY, Texas — The Colony Parks and Recreation Department is continuing to help keep children safe while on the water this year by participating in the BoatU.S. Foundation's *Life Jacket Loaner Program for Kids*.

This program, made possible by the BoatU.S. Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water, allows boaters to borrow a child's life jacket for the day or the weekend, at no charge. The Colony Parks and Recreation Department was awarded a kit of 12 life jackets, allowing hundreds of children to stay safer on the water.

Here's how the Life Jacket Loaner Program works: If a boating family discovers they don't have enough properly-fitting children's life jackets on board, they may visit the gatehouse at Stewart Creek Park, 3700 Sparks Road, during hours of operation and sign out an infant, child, or youth jacket for the day or the weekend. When they've finished boating for the day, they can return the jackets to the same location. Stewart Creek Park is open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.



You may call Recreation Manager David Swain at 972-624-3959 to learn more about The Colony's participation in the program.

The BoatU.S. Foundation Life Jacket Loaner program was launched in 1997. It is the only national program available in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. There are over 550 BoatU.S. Foundation Life Jacket Loaner sites located throughout the country. Combined, these sites loan out jackets more than 140,000 times a year. To learn more about the national effort to put kids in life jackets, visit <http://www.boatus.org/life-jacket-loaner>.

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