Sweatin' it out in NOLA this summer?

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Students sticking around for the summertime can stay cool through the hot months ahead with gratis Creole Creamery ice cream, compliments of Tulane University Student Affairs. The icy treats will be dished out every Wednesday through July 25 at 8 p.m. in Pocket Park near the Lavin-Bernick Center on the uptown campus.



David Bergeron of Creole Creamery serves up a taste of "Black 'n' Gold Crunch." The Division of Student Affairs has made arrangements with the creamery to provide free ice cream every Wednesday evening in Pocket Park. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

The freebie frosty fun is just one of many complimentary events for Tulane students sweating it out in New Orleans this summer. The Division of Student Affairs has greatly expanded its Summer Programs and Events initiative from last year's barbecue and outdoor movie to a full-fledged calendar of bussed field trips and weekly on-campus events.

For thrill-seekers, the student affairs staff organized a tubing trip down the Bogue Chitto River last weekend. Coming up on Friday (June 29) is a moonlight canoe adventure through the Manchac Wetlands and later in the summer is a kayaking expedition on Bayou St. John.

For some All-American fun, there is a sponsored foray to Zephyr Stadium to check out some minor league baseball action and an Independence Day barbecue on the Bruff Quad.

Or, students can opt to forego expensive movie theater tickets to watch 21 Jump Street, The Five-Year Engagement, The Hunger Games and Battleship on the Bruff Quad big screen. Popcorn and drinks are provided.

Jered Bocage, assistant director in the Office of Student Programs, attributes the program expansion to an increased number of undergraduates staying on campus after the spring semester finals.

"In addition to the expansion of the business minor summer program, we recognized that more and more of our undergrads are spending time here in the summer," Bocage says.

Students can check out the Programs and Events <u>calendar</u> for the rest of the summer. Some events require pre-registration at the Reily Student Recreation Center or on the Student Programs website.

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