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The Colony PARD hosts Fifth Annual Back 2 School Bash

Students from The Colony received free school supplies and giveaways.

The Colony, TX – August 17, 2011: The Colony Parks and Recreation Department's Back 2 School Bash opened its doors to about 500 children and their parents Tuesday evening, August 16, 2011.

Children and their parents were welcomed by numerous vendors representing various businesses, churches and organizations. Giveaways included notebooks, binders, pencils, pencil boxes, notebook paper, spirals, and numerous other promotional items. Vendors participating were DATCU, FBC Spanish Ministry, Premier Designs, First Baptist Church, Barbizon, Horizons Church, Horizons Storehouse, The Colony PARD, Kumon Learning Center, The Colony Police, Boy Scout Troop 1001, Wells Fargo, Community Chiropractic, Panther Cheer, Women's Ministry FBC, Men's Ministry FBC, Celebrate Recovery FBC, The Colony Aquatic Park, Sysco, Liberty Mutual, The Colony Library, LDS Church, the Peanut Gallery, Oak View Academy, First United Methodist Church, Farmers Insurance, Sam's Club, Legacy ER, and City of The Colony.

"We are very appreciative of all of the vendors that participated in the event and made it so successful. Having the opportunity to serve 500 children was simply amazing." said Lindsey Stansell, Special Events Coordinator for The Colony Parks and Recreation Department.

In addition to school supplies, children who attended received free child ID kits and information about recreation center programs. There were various program demonstrations, concessions available for purchase, and a mascot dance off. The mascot dance off has been a fun and exciting addition to this event. Kids and parents got to vote by way of cheering for their favorite mascot dancer. The DATCU Dollar Dog, The Colony Police Officer McGruff the dog, Parks and Recreation T.C. Recs, The Colony High School Cougar, and the Ethridge Elementary Eagle were all shaking their tails in hopes of becoming the mascot dancing champion.

"This event is very popular with our citizens. Our entire staff worked to prepare and execute the Back 2 School Bash. We love to offer these types of opportunities to our community," said Stansell.

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