

BASKETBALLS FOR INNER-CITY KIDS & SWISH

SWISH. The Summer Weekend Inner-City Supervised Hoops initiative is one way in which the University of Manitoba works alongside community to provide recreational opportunities for youth. SWISH began in 2012 and is a partnership between various UM faculties and units, including Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Med Rehab, Kinesiology (Bison Sports and Recreation Services), Bannatyne Parking Services and Joe Doupe gymnasium; community organizations such as the Youth Agencies Alliance, IRCOM, Spence Neighbourhood Association, City of Winnipeg and Basketball Manitoba.

SWISH runs from 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. every Saturday beginning July long weekend and ending mid-August. The outdoor venue in Parking Lot E at McDermot and Tecumseh provides a variety of activities, running clinics, 3-on-3 competitions, pick-up games and most of all, a safe place for kids to play!

The site is supervised by college-age student with inner Winnipeg experience, including UM Bison basketball players, community residents and Indigenous youth.

Basketballs for Inner-City Kids. In 2006, a few colleagues from Community Health Sciences decided to raise money to purchase and deliver basketballs for graduating Grade 6 students from local K-6 schools. The idea has grown and to date, over 4000 basketballs have been presented at over a dozen schools surrounding our Bannatyne campus. Together with SWISH, Basketballs for Inner-City Kids promotes and supports recreational activity for youth.