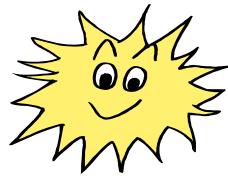


# Sunsport 07



Summer 07 has been another huge success for Sunsport. We had a total of 40 participants each receiving 5 days of activities and full support enabling parents and carers to have a short break.

There were quite a few changes to the programme this year with funding coming through from the Rochdale Youth Service. We also had the benefit of volunteers from the Rochdale Healthy Living Initiative, Duke of Edinburgh candidates and Cardinal Langley students taking the Higher Sports Leaders Award. A few small changes were introduced to the programme with water sports at Cowm Reservoir and Cycling at Boggart Hole Clough being introduced. This was in addition to the climbing, canoeing, walking, multisport, dance, circus skills, bounce and swimming which already existed.

The comments that have been coming back have been fantastic. Steve said 'it was the best week he had had in his life'. His father couldn't believe that he had done all the activities. One parent thanked Sunsport for putting a smile back on her daughters face.

New also to Sunsport was private funding. The lettings agent Martin and Co provided finance for the T Shirts that came with the programme. Phil Watson, Managing Director hopes to increase this next year to support transport costs

We hope to be securing some more funds for all school holidays. We also hope to be strengthening the Sunsport management committee with representatives from such organisations as Redwood School and Connexions to support the programme in reaching the most 'hard to reach' people in the borough.

Thanks too everybody for their invaluable support.

PS

Don't forget to have a look at the pictures. Follow the photograph link on the Forum homepage.