#### The Role of Parks in Health - The Singapore Experience

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#### Why Parks?

- Major contributor to wellbeing of Singaporeans
- High-traffic community touchpoint
- Potential for influencing healthy lifestyle habits



- Programme Design
- Week 1 to Week 10
  - 8.30am-9.30am
  - 9.30am-10.30am
  - 8.30am-10.30am
- Week 11 onwards
  - 8.30am-9.30am

Structured Group Workout

**Bootcamp-style Workout** 

Physical Activity Free Play

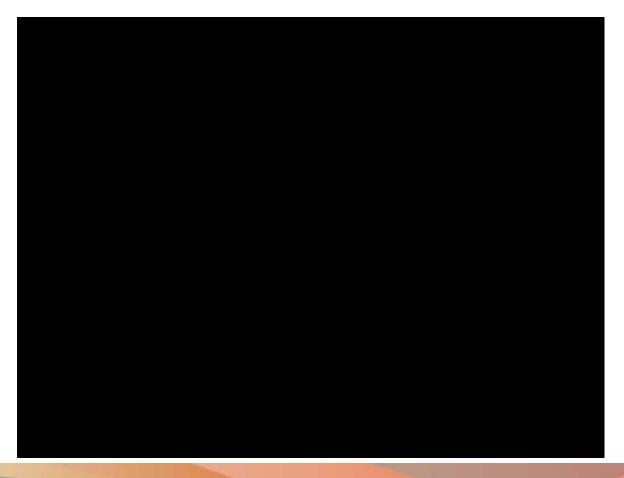
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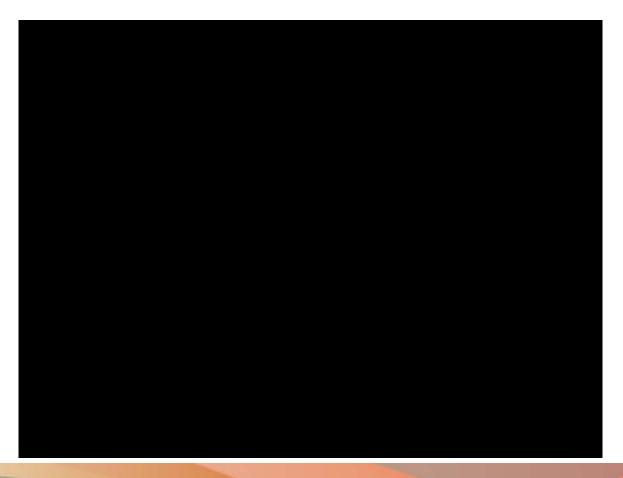
#### Sample of Programme Schedule

Date	Location	Structured Workout	Boot Camp	Physical Activity Free Play
12-Oct	Sengkang Riverside Park	Bollyrobics	1 session	Tchoukball + Fun with wheels
19-Oct	Sengkang Riverside Park	Masala Bhangra® Workout	1 session	Tchoukball + Fun with wheels
26-Oct	Sengkang Riverside Park	Bollyrobics	1 session	Soccer + Speed Tag
2-Nov	Sengkang Riverside Park	Masala Bhangra® Workout	1 session	Handball + Fun with Wheels
9-Nov	Sengkang Riverside Park	PILOXING®	1 session	Free Play
16-Nov	Sengkang Riverside Park	Bokwa® Tone & Core	1 session	Free Play
23-Nov	Sengkang Riverside Park	PILOXING®	1 session	Free Play
30-Nov	Sengkang Riverside Park	Masala Bhangra® Workout	1 session	Ultimate Frisbee + Archery Tag
7-Dec	Sengkang Riverside Park	Bokwa® Fitness	1 session	Soccer + Speed Tag
14-Dec	Sengkang Riverside Park	Zumba® Fitness	1 session	Ultimate Frisbee + Archery Tag

- Programme Objectives
  - Encourage the public to engage in physical activity by positioning it as bonding time with family/friends
  - Encourage a social norm where Sunday mornings are spent with the family at the park, engaging in active lifestyle activities







 How does having this programme in the park benefit the health of Singapore residents?





## **Engaging the Community: Community in Bloom**



#### Working with the Medical Profession: Exercise is Medicine



#### The Way Forward

 Parks are important settings in the community to facilitate healthy living

 Closer coordination will allow us to achieve greater synergy and better results for all parties