

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**TOWN OF ADAMS – CULTURE, PARKS AND RECREATION (RECREATION PROGRAMS)**

Community Profiles

The Town and Village of Adams and Jefferson Central School District are located in Jefferson County in the Central region of New York State. The Town and Village are smaller than the state average and have typical fiscal metrics in terms of the share of their revenues from state and federal aid. Jefferson Central School District is among the smallest school districts in the state and receives significantly more aid than average, indicating a level of fiscal distress that is not present in the Town or Village.

<b>2005</b>	<b>Town of Adams</b>	<b>NYS Town Average</b>	<b>Village of Adams</b>	<b>NYS Village Average</b>	<b>Jefferson School District</b>	<b>NYS SD Average</b>
<b>Population</b>	4,782	9,326	1,624	3,385	269	2,545
<b>Revenue from State and Federal Aid</b>	11.1%	14.2%	12.6%	10.1%	57.2%	39.8%

Background

In January 1995 the Town of Adams and Village of Adams partnered with the South Jefferson Central School District to explore options for providing both a recreational and an enrichment summer program for children. The Town and Village of Adams had existing summer recreation programs, although the Town’s program had been struggling for a couple of years. The South Jefferson Central School District had an existing academic summer school program and a limited enrichment summer reading program in place. The specific proposal was to have a six-week summer recreation program operated by the South Jefferson Central School District at no cost to the school district taxpayers and funded by the Town and Village of Adams. After several meetings, the final plan added the Towns of Lorraine and Rodman. The program would not be restricted to students attending the South Jefferson Central School District and would be open to anyone living outside participating town for a small fee.

Funding

The budget developed was for almost \$19,000 with \$15,000 coming from the supporting municipalities. The rest of the money was expected to come from student fees and miscellaneous donations and contributions.

Outcome

The South Jefferson Summer Recreation Program opened its doors on July 10, 1995. Attendance exceeded the staff’s expectations during the first year, but additional staff was not needed until further growth in subsequent years.