

RECREATION THIS WEEK: March 16, 2011

Mammoth Winter Biathlon 2011

The Mammoth Winter Biathlon 2011 begins **Friday, March 25, 2011** and they need 200 volunteers to support the 300 expected competitors. In 2010, the Mammoth Winter Biathlon was the largest Winter Biathlon in North America. Winter Biathlon is currently the most watched winter sport in Europe and volunteering for the Mammoth event is a great opportunity to see what the biathlon craze is all about! Ford is the title Sponsor and the event will be filmed in HD via helicopter for the Versus/Outdoor Channel. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Donna Mercer at mmthmerc@yaho.com. Registration is open and participants can register online at: www.mammothmountain.com/ResortActivities/SpecialEvents/biathlon

Acclaimed Actor Beau Bridges Supports the Arts in Mammoth

Acclaimed television and film actor, Beau Bridges, comes to Mammoth's Edison Theatre on **Saturday, March 26, 2011** for the highly anticipated reading of the action-adventure play K2. Volunteering his time to support arts and culture in the Eastern Sierra, Bridges came to know and love the area while filming the 1975 movie The Other Side of the Mountain. This once in a lifetime event is less than two weeks away and is expected to sellout. The evening starts at 6:00 p.m. with drinks and hors d'oeuvres followed by a raffle. Proceeds from the event benefit the Mammoth Lakes Foundation in support of higher education and the arts in the Eastern Sierra. Admission is \$150 tickets for a seat within the first two rows of the theatre and includes a raffle ticket or \$100 general admission seating is also available. For tickets call (760) 934-6592.

Mammoth Value Pass Program Open to the Public

Mammoth's most popular season pass product, the Mammoth Value Pass (MVP) program, will be available for public purchase starting **Friday, April 1, 2011**. Previously only available to existing pass holders, the 2011/12 MVP will be available to everyone at a price of \$659 for adults (19-64), \$494 for youth (13-18), and \$329 for children and seniors (7-12 and 65-79). 2011/12 MVP holders are entitled to unlimited skiing or riding with no blackout dates at both Mammoth Mountain and June Mountain beginning May 1, 2011 and lasting until the end of the 2011/12 winter season. For more information or to purchase a pass, please call 800.MAMMOTH or visit: <http://mvp.mammothmountain.com>.

Get Yourself in the New Year-Round Mammoth Lakes Recreation Guide

To promote Mammoth's boundless recreational opportunities, the Town of Mammoth Lakes Recreation Department is producing the definitive resource for everything recreation in Mammoth! With a year-round event calendar, recreation map, detailed Recreation Department program listings, and more, the Mammoth Lakes Recreation Guide gives residents and guests everything they need to know to enjoy one of the world's most spectacular playgrounds. Look for new summer camps including the Grom Mania Skate Camp, Challenger British Sports Camps, and the AYSO Advanced Soccer Training Camp to name a few. Popular programs continue such as Tennis with Russ Chessler, Gymnastics/Tumbling with Michelle Dejong, Wilderness & Sports Camps and Youtheatre!

Any local organization or business wanting to advertise in the 2011-12 Mammoth Lakes Recreation Guide is urged to contact Stephanie Daniel, Recreation Supervisor at (760) 934-8989 ext. 237 prior to **Friday, March 25, 2011**. The guide will be available from May, 2011 through April 2012 at your favorite business, lodging property, restaurant or you can find a copy at the Town's Recreation Department located in the Minaret

Village Mall above Giovanni's. For additional information about recreation in Mammoth Lakes or to register for a summer camp or program offered by the Town of Mammoth Lakes Recreation Department, log onto: <http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=400> or call the Recreation Department office at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222. Never have a slow day in Mammoth again!

The Time is Now to Help Shape the Future of Recreation in Mammoth Lakes!

RECSTRATS is the process recommended by the Town's Recreation Commission and approved by the Town Council to define "A vision for recreation in Mammoth Lakes and a strategic plan for its implementation." The RECSTRATS implementation plan process will use the community's input to identify projects, programs and services needed to achieve the seven core strategies identified in RECSTRATS. It will begin to categorize and link the identified needs and opportunities and will provide the framework for defining funding options for implementation. Strategic Marketing Group (SMG) will develop the strategy and facilitation of the RecStrats implementation plan process.

The Recreation Commission scheduled 8 collegial, fun, and interactive public topic-specific workshops that begun on March 2, 2011 and are set to resume with "Winter Recreation & Trails" on April 13, 2011. All workshops are scheduled to run from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the Mammoth Lakes Community Center, 1000 Forest Trail. For additional information or to complete a Comment Form, please call (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 or visit www.recstrats.com. Light refreshments and fresh cookies will be provided.

The remaining RecStrats topic-specific workshops are as follows:

- Wednesday, April 13, 2011 - Winter Recreation & Trails
- Thursday, April 14, 2011 - Non-Winter Recreation & Trails
- Wednesday, May 11, 2011 - Special Events
- Thursday, May 12, 2011 - Arts & Culture
- Wednesday, June 8, 2011 - High Altitude Training & Trails
- Thursday, June 23, 2011 - Linkages & Priorities

Sharks are Hiring!

The Mammoth Lakes Swim Team is looking to hire an assistant swim coach for the summer. Please contact Board President Dave Bassler (760) 924-2285 or email daveinmammoth@yahoo.com for all the details or to request an application. The Sharks are also holding their Informational Team Meeting at the Mammoth Lakes Library on **Tuesday, March 29, 2011** at 5:30 p.m. The coaches and board members will speak about the season, practice and meets.

Open House for Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Applications to be Held March 31

The Inyo National Forest and Bishop Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have submitted preliminary applications for grant funds from the State of California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) division for the purpose of enhancing and managing motorized recreation in this area. These and all other grant applications are viewable on the OHMVR website at www.ohv.parks.ca.gov/. Comments can be submitted by **April 4, 2011** on the division website and/or sent directly to the responsible agency.

The two agencies will hold an informal Open House from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on **Thursday, March 31, 2011**, at the Forest Service/BLM office located right behind the Department of Motor Vehicles, at 351 Pacu Lane in Bishop. Drop in any time during those two hours to review and discuss the grant applications. Representatives from

the two agencies will be there to answer questions and to receive or facilitate your comments on changes, concerns or support for the final grant applications, which will be submitted by May 2, 2011. For more information, or if you have special needs for accommodation in order to participate in this Open House, please call Marty Hornick, Forest Trails Coordinator at (760) 873-2461 or Rich Williams, BLM Recreation Planner at (760) 872-5033.

2011 Measure R Spring Award Process Now Open

The 2011 Measure R Spring Award Process opened on Monday, March 14, 2011 and will close at 12:00 p.m. on **Friday, April 15, 2011**. The Spring funding award is intended to address: (1) an immediate or “emergency” project/service opportunity, or (2) provide gap funding for project or services that were awarded in the fall cycle but are experiencing a financial shortfall. Preference has been given by the Recreation Commission to previously awarded projects and once in a lifetime or time-limited opportunities. Funding recommendations to Town Council will be made on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at the regularly scheduled Recreation Commission meeting with potential adoption by Town Council on June 15, 2011. If your organization is a recipient of Measure R funds, a Measure R Award Recipient **Performance Report** has to be completed prior to the submittal of an additional Measure R Funding Application. All the applicable Measure R information including the Timeline, Application Packet/Form and reference documents can be found online at: <http://ca-mammothlakes.civicplus.com/index.aspx?nid=394>. Please contact Recreation Manager Stuart Brown at (760) 934-8989 ext. 210 for additional information or to request an application form.

Youth Sports Funding Process is OPEN

The 2011 Youth Sports Funding Process opened on **Tuesday, March 1, 2011** and will close on **Friday, March 25, 2011**. The Town of Mammoth Lakes awards \$32,000 annually to youth sporting organizations. Youth Sports Funding is intended to address the need of additional funding to supplement organized, non-profit youth sports programs or activities that may be in need of additional funds for operations. Please contact Recreation Supervisor Stephanie Daniel at (760) 934-8989 ext. 237 for additional information or to request an application.

Youtheatre – “Our Glee Club”

We welcome back Showboat Youtheatre this March to Mammoth Lakes with a special performance of “Our Glee Club.” Under the guidance of Ann Monahan, children ages 7-17 will learn song, creative movement and what it takes to put on a performance. This workshop will be one week long, **March 28 – April 2, 2011** and meet daily after school from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. The performances will take place on Saturday, April 2, 2010 with a matinee at 2:00 p.m. and evening show at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$75 per participant. Please call (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 for more information or to be placed on a wait list.

June Lake Triathlon Training Camps

2-time Ironwoman Alana Levin and 9-time Hawaii Ironman Chris Morgeson are hosting Triathlon Training Camps in preparation for the July 9, 2011 “Toughest Race in the Most Beautiful Place,” June Lake Triathlon. Session 1 (base, technique skill & strength building) is scheduled from **April 5 - May 14**; Session 2 (skill & technique development, power and speed) from **May 17 - June 25, 2011**. The Camp meets Tuesday nights from 5:30-7:30 p.m. & Saturday mornings from 9:00-11:00 a.m. (will move earlier as temperatures warm up). The fee is \$200 for HSTC members or \$250 for non-members. Contact Alana at (760) 717-0176 for more information or to register.

March Activities for the Sierra Club, Range of Light Group

The Sierra Club - Range of Light Group hosts Winter Outings every Thursday and Sunday. Thursday is open to snowshoers and skiers that would like to enjoy an easy trek lasting about 2 hours with a concentration on conditioning, technique and learning. Sunday is for strong beginners through experts on cross-country skis and snow shoe, usually 6 to 8 miles off track. Participants are asked to meet at M.L. Union Bank parking lot at 10:00 a.m. Abominable weather cancels. Contact: John Walter (760) 934-1767 or Jean Dillingham (760) 648-7109.

Shakespeare Camp at the Edison Theatre

Much Ado's Shakespeare Camp is coming to Mammoth! This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to have fun exploring Shakespeare. We combine specialty workshops in a playful summer camp atmosphere. Each day consists of four 45-minute sessions of specialty workshops including Stage Sword Combat, Elizabethan Dance, Theatre Games, Shakespearean Madrigal Singing, Commedia del'Arte, Improvisation, Shakespearean Acting, Stage Voice and more! The Camp is scheduled on **July 12-14, 2011** from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. for ages 7-11 & 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. for ages 10-17. Cost is \$100 per camper and participants can register by calling Shira at (760) 709-1981.

Open Gym at the Mammoth High School

The Recreation Department in collaboration with the Mammoth Unified School District (Thanks Rich!) is hosting open basketball at the Mammoth High School Gym every Sunday from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Additional programming is being developed and we welcome any programming suggestions. Cost is \$2.00 per participant. Please contact John Connolly at (760) 934-8989 ext. 234 for additional information. Hoop it up!

Get Gymnastics Fever!

This year-round program is designed to introduce children from 3-18 years old the wonderful and exciting sport of gymnastics. Offered by Michelle DeJong, a level 8 competitive gymnast and Level 1-5 gymnastics coach, participants will learn to tumble and more in a safe and structured environment. This program is also a recipient of Measure R funding with \$7,000 of gymnastic equipment. Three age sessions are available at the Community Center on Forest Trail and are all on schedule for February, 2011.

- 3-5 yr olds – Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- 5-8 yr olds – Saturday: 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
- 8-12+ yr olds – Wednesday: 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. & Saturday: 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Fees are only \$50/month (8 sessions) for residents and \$60/month for non-residents. Five session Punch Cards are available for \$50 and Private lessons are available upon request at \$20 for 30-45 minutes. Drop-in's are welcome and encouraged - First one is FREE! Please call (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 for more information or to register your aspiring Gymnast!

Gymnastic Schedule Changes

The following changes have been made to the Wednesday gymnastics session at the Community Center. Sorry for any inconvenience.

- April 13 to April 12, 2011
- May 11 to May 10, 2011

- June 8 to June 7, 2011

Upcoming Events

- On-going: Gymnastics/Tumbling Program at the Community Center
- On-going: First and Second Grade Coed Instructional Basketball
- On-going: Open Basketball at the MHS Gym, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- March 1: Youth Sports Funding Application Period Opens
- March 14: Measure R Spring Award Application period opens
- March 17: Mammoth Trails Meeting
- March 17-April 10: Mammoth Nordic Festival
- March 18-20: 2nd Annual College Games
- March 19: MSSEF Athlete of the Month Awards
- March 21: Mammoth AYSO Board Meeting
- March 24-27: Roxy Chicken Jam
- March 25: Youth Sports Funding Application Period Ends
- March 25: Advertising Deadline for 2011-12 Mammoth Lakes Recreation Guide
- March: 25-27: Fourth Annual Mammoth Winter Biathlon
- March 28: "Our Glee Club" Youtheatre Camp
- March 28: Mammoth Lakes Sports Council Meeting
- March 29: Mammoth Village Championships
- March 29: HSTC Season Opener Party
- March 29: Mammoth Sharks Informational Team Meeting
- March 31-April 3: USSA/Far West J4/5 Championships
- April 1: Mammoth Value Pass (MVP) on sale
- April 3: Mammoth Marathon Cross Country race
- April 5: Recreation Commission Meeting
- April 5: Mammoth Village Championships
- April 5-May 14: June Lake Tri Camp – Session 1
- April 8-10: Mammoth Invitational
- April 13: RECSTRATS workshop #3: "Winter Recreation & Trails"
- April 14: RECSTRATS workshop #4: "Non-winter Recreation & Trails"
- April 15: Measure R Spring Award Process Ends
- April 22: Recreation Dept. Easter Egg Hunt & Play Day

Contact Us

All the winter/spring events, programs and activities are listed on www.townofmammothlakes.com and in the 2010-11 Winter/Spring Mammoth Recreation Guide. Please call the Recreation Department at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 or visit us in the Town Offices – Minaret Village Mall (above Giovanni's) to register for a program, for additional information or to forward your comments and suggestions.

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