

RECREATION THIS WEEK: June 15, 2011

Tioga Pass Opens Saturday!

Yosemite National Park announced today that Tioga Pass Road (HWY 120) will open for the season on **Saturday, June 18, 2011, at 8:00 a.m.** for all vehicular traffic. Visitors are urged to take safety precautions while traveling on that road. Vault toilets are available in several locations along the road. There are several no-stopping zones along the road, which are clearly marked with road signs. Due to the heavy snowpack this past winter (199% of normal) and a cool spring, there is still several feet of snow in the Tuolumne Meadows area. Hiking opportunities are extremely limited and visitors are urged to use extreme caution in the area. Additionally, ice is prevalent throughout the area and stream crossings are treacherous. All campgrounds along the Tioga Road are closed. All commercial services, including the gas station, store, and village grill, are also closed. There are no anticipated opening dates for any of these facilities at this time.

Whitmore Pool Public Opening & Free Swim Day!

Isn't this what you have been waiting for? Even though summer doesn't officially begin until June 21st, we can't wait any longer! Join the Whitmore Pool staff on **Saturday June 18, 2011** between 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. for our Grand Opening. There is free admission for everybody and some great BBQ specials. For all of you looking to get your kids or yourself into a swim lesson, sign ups will begin on Saturday as well. Session 1 begins Monday, June 27th. So dust off those tank tops and flip flops and grab some towels and sunscreen, pile everyone in the car and get down there! Season Passes and punch cards are available for sale at the pool. The Whitmore Recreation Area is located 10 miles south of Mammoth, just off US Hwy 395 on the Benton Crossing Road. The Pool includes a six-lane 25-meter pool, changing rooms and hot showers.

Sharpen Up Your Stroke at the Community Center Tennis Courts

Tennis lessons are now being offered by USPTA Tennis Professional Tom Sherry at the Community Center Tennis Courts. Clinics, camps, and private lessons for all ability levels are scheduled every Tuesday through Thursday that emphasize stroke production and strategy. The Mammoth Lakes Tennis Club (MLTC) has programmed a number of special events hosted at the Community Center Tennis Courts, including the new "Sunday Social" beginning on June 19, 2011. Socials get underway from 9:30 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. with snacks provided by the MLTC. For more information about the tournaments and socials, contact MLTC president Gail Lonne at (760) 934-0150 or glonne@verizon.net. To purchase your tennis lesson punch cards, please call (760) 934-8989 ext. 222, visit www.townofmammothlakes.com or pick up a copy of the new 2011/12 Annual Mammoth Lakes Recreation Guide available throughout town.

Mountain Bike Camps - NEW FOR 2011!

Join Recreation Staff and local pro bike shop riders in this intensive 3-day (Wednesday thru Friday) camp. We'll bike all over Mammoth including the world famous Mammoth Mountain Bike Park. All participants should be well-rounded cyclists with a sturdy helmet, related mountain biking gear and a mountain bike. We'll be riding all over Mammoth Lakes, but still make time for other activities like golf, a movie and meals on the road. Pick up the schedule from the Recreation Office. The first camp of two begins **Wednesday, June 22, 2011**. Call the Recreation Department at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 to register.

U.K. International Soccer Camp

Select from TWO world class camps this summer! The first 5-day camp kicks off on **Monday, June 27, 2011**. Professional British soccer coaches will once again host these popular camps. Coaches provide a safe, educational and FUN program for all. Each camp offers full-day and half-day options. The program is offered to all players within the community and is split into the following levels:

- Fun in the Sun (4-6 years): Fun, exciting games to build confidence and teach fundamentals.
- Skills 'N' Thrills (7-10 years): Technical development and skill building in a stimulating environment.
- Compete with your Feet (11-16 years): Challenging game related situations to enhance technical and tactical knowledge.

Each day include individual footskills, small side games, coached scrimmages and a daily tournament. There is an awards ceremony at the end of the camp week for family members to come and watch the players receive their awards, as well as the important World Cup Finals! Camp Fee includes: A UK International Soccer camp T-shirt, player of the week awards, World Cup prizes and an individual evaluation certificate. Call the Recreation Department at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 to register.

Race against Yourself Time Trial Series

The ESV is partnering with the High Sierra Tri Club to host a series of Time Trial bike rides throughout the summer. The series is intended for all levels of riders, and participants will be able to record their efforts against the clock. We hope the clubs' members will come on out and have some fun with this event, which will (hopefully) help you monitor your improvement throughout the riding season. The first event of the series will roll on **Thursday evening, June 16**. We plan on holding two TT's a month throughout the summer riding season. Should be a hoot!

Ski + Golf at Sierra Star

Start your mornings with fresh turns on corn snow and end your afternoon on the links at Sierra Star! For only \$40 you'll get nine holes of golf after 1:00 p.m. at Sierra Star the same day, California's highest 18-hole course. Of course, a golf cart is included. Sierra Star opens for the 2011 season on **Friday, June 17, 2011**. Call the Pro Shop at (760) 924-GOLF for all the details. (Restrictions apply. See website for details. Valid through 7/4/11).

RecStrats Moves into Linkages and Opportunities

Recreationalists of all levels, patrons of arts & culture and special event supporters are encouraged to attend the final Mammoth Lakes RecStrats public workshop scheduled for **Thursday, June 23, 2011**. Beginning at 4:00pm, the workshop will be held at the Community Center, 1000 Forest Trail and is scheduled to end at 7:00pm. Light refreshments will be provided.

The topic of this final workshop will be Linkages and Opportunities. The public input received at the previously held topic-specific workshops has been sorted into category linkages, identifying those projects, programs and activities that have been linked throughout the public's review of the topics. Key elements from the topic specific workshops have been sorted and placed into the linked categories.

Workshop attendees will participate in individual and group evaluation exercises, using the category linkages and key elements. The exercises will continue to track back to the three RecStrats guiding principles – stewardship/management, economic development and enhanced community quality of life. In anticipation of

participating in this workshop, attendees are encouraged to read the RecStrats document and review the notes from the previous workshops. All of these documents are found at www.recstrats.com.

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 is using the community's input to identify projects, programs and services needed to achieve the seven core strategies identified in RecStrats. It will provide a framework for prioritized implementation of recreation-based projects, programs and activities.

For more information about the final "Linkages and Opportunities" workshop or to RSVP, please contact the Town of Mammoth Lakes Recreation Department at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222. Strategic Marketing Group (SMG) is facilitating the workshop and developing the strategy for the RecStrats implementation plan. For more information, please visit www.recstrats.com

Sierra Club Outings

Sierra Club evening hikes every Wednesday, outings every Sunday and **June 21, 2011** is the Social: travel to Patagonia and Beyond features at the Mammoth Lakes Library beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please go to: <http://nevada.sierraclub.org/rolgroup/> for details.

What's Going On This Summer at the Station

The sun is starting to shine and the snow is slowly melting at The Station! While we have some mixed feelings about that, we're still excited for summer. This season we have plenty of things going on including a summer snowboard camp, local day camps, high altitude training for cross-country teams, rock climbing and skateboarding camps, and youth group camps! If you'd like more information about all that we have to offer, visit: www.thestationcamp.com.

10 Reasons to Buy Your Blue Sky Food & Wine Experience Tickets Now:

1. The Food and Wine Experience is a benefit for the **Mammoth Lakes Foundation** and the **Mammoth Schools NOW Education Foundation** which are committed to supporting education and the arts in the Eastern Sierra.
2. 2 days full of unique experiences with your family, friends, or associates. Treat yourself and them to the V.I.P. treatment of fine wines, gourmet food, music, adventure, auctions, raffles,goodness.
3. Over 20 celebrated wineries sharing their vintages with you and your bottomless wine glass.
4. Renowned chefs showing you their tips and secrets in an intimate setting in the Food & Wine Seminars.
5. You being the judge of a one-of-a-kind cooking competition featuring exceptional cuisine.
6. Witness and bid in a high-stakes auction from the front row.
7. Buy a table and also get a raffle ticket for each person – prizes include a trip for two to Kauai, a 2011/2012 Mammoth Mountain Season Pass, and more unbelievable prizes.
8. Quick and easy way to reward your top-performing employees - sponsor a table!
9. Live music in the Blue Sky Bowl (right next to the Food and Wine Tent) by **City Folk, Strunz & Farah, Vance Gilbert, and Tito Puente Jr. Orchestra**.
10. You can do the June Lake Triathlon in the morning and still catch all of the Food and Wine Experience in the afternoon. Now THAT's an unforgettable day.
11. Okay – here's a bonus reason. Use promotion code greenfox10 and receive \$10 off the \$175 ticket price, or if purchasing a table, get an additional raffle ticket for each guest!

Go to www.blueskyfest.com now to buy your tickets! They are selling fast and are in limited supply. Or call 760-709-6744 to place your order over the phone.

Devils Postpile Announces Centennial Celebration and Events Schedule

This summer Devils Postpile National Monument will celebrate 100 years of preservation, partnerships and progress as they commemorate the centennial of the designation of this unique local monument. To kick off the celebration, historic photos will be on display at the Mammoth Lakes Library starting on Wednesday June 1, 2011. The official celebration will begin on Wednesday July 6 at the Mammoth Lakes Farmer's Market on Main Street with a Devils Postpile Birthday Party from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. On Thursday evening from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m., all are invited to the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center Auditorium for a celebration of the community effort to stop the proposed Trans-Sierra Highway through Reds Meadow and Devils Postpile. Friday July 8 at 9:00 a.m., all are welcome to join National Park Service Pacific West Regional Director Chris Lehnertz at a celebration to commemorate the establishment of the monument in 1911. This celebration will take place at the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center.

Special events will follow throughout the weekend both at Devils Postpile National Monument and at the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center. Highlights will include a living history presentation by local John Muir expert Lee Stetson on Friday July 8 at 8:00 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center Auditorium, and a special evening program presented by National Park Service Historian Christopher Johnson on Saturday July 9 at 8:30 p.m. at the Devils Postpile Amphitheater. For more information and a complete schedule of events, please visit the Devils Postpile website at www.nps.gov/depo or contact the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center at 760-924-5500.

Mammoth Mud Run

Stomp through mud pits! Crawl on your hands and knees underneath obstacles! Haul your body up and over walls! And that's just a partial listing of what you'll have to do. The 1st Annual Mammoth Mud Run tests your endurance and strength in a series of obstacles, mud pits and more over a span of 5 kilometers. It's fun. It's dirty. It will leave you breathless. Join us for the highest Mud Run in California on **Saturday, August 27, 2011** at the Village at Mammoth/Canyon Lodge. For more information and to register visit www.MammothMountain.com/MammothMudRun.

Mammoth AYSO Registration

Register your player or yourself as a volunteer parent, coach or referee by June 30, 2011. Registration & volunteer forms are available at the Town of Mammoth Lakes Recreation Department Office (above Giovanni's) Monday - Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. A player will be guaranteed placement on a team if registered prior to July 1, 2011. After July 1, and before August 1, 2011 players are requested to complete forms, submit late payment fees of \$10/player and wait to be placed – space available – on a team.

The current player fees are \$60 per child or \$50 / \$40 for second or third child (please bring birth certificates for new players). Fees include new uniform, team photo, great coaching, tournaments and awards! Age Divisions: U5 Coed / U6 Coed / U8 / U10 / U12 / U15 & U19. For complete registration information, call (760) 709-2481, email: Mammothayso@gmail.com or visit www.Mammothayso.com.

Six Unforgettable Days in the Sierras

Mammoth Mountain is excited to announce the return of the Mammoth Unbound Camp. The camp provides a unique opportunity for kids between 8-15 to visit Mammoth and experience everything the Sierras has to offer. Over the course of six, fun-filled days campers will participate in geocaching, skateboarding, mountain biking, rock climbing, zip lining as well as a day of hiking and rafting in Yosemite, before finishing the week with a horseback riding adventure through the mountains where they will camp overnight and sleep under the stars. Campers will be housed in same sex rooms at the Mammoth Mountain Inn with 24-hour supervision from our highly qualified staff. A 7-to-1 camper to counselor ratio ensures plenty of private attention for your child. All food is also included and the diverse menu will have healthy options for all. Camp dates are **July 10-15, July 24-29 and August 7-12, 2011**. Contact Pam Lonza at (760) 934-0795, email plonza@mammoth-mtn.com, or visit www.MammothMountain.com/SummerCamps for all the details or to make a reservation.

On-Going Recreation Programs...

Party Yourself into Shape!

Zumba® Fitness is offered every Monday by Kaysie Williams from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Community Center, 1000 Forest Trail (near The Village). Zumba® Fitness is an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness-party™ that's moving millions of people toward joy and health. Participants don't even have to know how to dance. Just move your body and follow the instructor's lead. It's easy! Participants can purchase a 10 class punch card for \$77.50 or a 5 class punch card for only \$42.50. The Drop-In rate is \$10 per class. For more information or to register call (760) 934-8989 ext. 222. Feel the music and let loose!

Whitmore Pool Lap Swim Has Begun

Lap swimming at [Whitmore Pool](#) began **Monday, May 9, 2011** and is offered Monday – Friday between 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., (excluding Wednesday). The High Sierra Triathlon Club have scheduled Lap Swim every Wednesday thru July 6, 2011 from 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. Public Lap Swim is available after Tri Club from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Join certified swim instructors/coaches for some extra stroke training. These classes are designed to improve on the four competitive strokes as well as get you trained up for that Triathlon you signed up for this summer! Classes are every Monday and Wednesday from 8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. between May 11 - June 15, 2011, and Mondays only from June 20 - August 8, 2011. Cost is \$10 per day. Register by calling the Whitmore Pool at (760) 935-4222 or drop-in on the day. Season passes and punch cards are available for sale at the pool.

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.

- 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!

Sluggers Instructional T-Ball is Underway

Sluggers Instructional T-Ball began on Wednesday, May 25 and will run thru June 29, 2011 - weather permitting. Activities for Wednesday, June 1, 2011 have been cancelled. We will try and make-up the day at a later and warmer time! T-ball provides a unique opportunity for parents to share quality time with their children while preparing them for future softball and baseball activities. Cost is only \$30 (includes shirt). Please register at the Recreation Department office.

Never Have a Slow Day in Mammoth!

The eagerly awaited 2011/12 Annual Mammoth Lakes Recreation Guide is now available! The 32 page guide is the definitive source for recreation in Mammoth Lakes packed-full of programs, events and activities for kids of all ages. Whether you're looking for family fun at our many parks, challenging your endurance on our many trails or replenishing your spirit in the great outdoors, we hope you'll take advantage of what our team has created, and what awaits you in Mammoth Lakes...Your recreation Nirvana!

Look for a plethora of new camps including mountain biking, a Grom Mania and Wave Rave Concrete Kommandos Skate Camp, the Challenger British Sports Camp, the AYSO Advanced Soccer Camp and our hugely popular climbing, wilderness and Youtheatre camps. There is also an extensive sports & recreation events calendar, summer/winter trail map, and information on our aquatics, tennis and gymnastic programs.

A big "thank you" to our many partners involved in producing the guide: our service providers who created the diverse programming activities; our advertisers who provided the financial support and the Town's Staff who keep it all together. For additional information about recreation in Mammoth Lakes or to register for a camp or program please visit www.townofmammothlakes.com or call the Recreation Department office at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222. Make it a great day!

Upcoming Events

- On-going: Gymnastics/Tumbling Program at the Community Center
- On-going: Zumba Fitness at the Community Center
- On-going: Lap Swim at the Whitmore Pool
- On-going: Little Sluggers at MES (ends June 29)
- Ongoing: Tennis Lessons at the Community Center Tennis Courts (ends August 22)
- June 15: Recreation Commission/Town Council Study Session
- June 16-26: Monster Energy Mammoth Motocross
- June 16: Mammoth Trails Meeting
- June 16: Snowcreek Golf Course Scheduled Opening Day
- June 16: Mammoth Unified School District (MUSD) last day of school!
- June 17: Sierra Star Scheduled Opening Day
- June 18: Tioga Pass (HWY 120) Opens at 8:00 a.m.
- June 18: June Mountain summer operations begin
- June 18: Fathers Day Picnic and Free Concert at the Library
- June 18: Whitmore Pool Public Opening and FREE Swim Day
- June 18: MMST J1-3 Tech Camp
- June 19: Snowcreek Golf Course Father's Day Special

- June 20: Husky Club Summer Program begins
- June 21: Sierra Club Social
- June 21: IMACA Kidbits Summer Monthly BBQ at Shady Rest Park
- June 22: Recreation Department Mountain Bike Camp 1
- June 23: Special Meeting of the Recreation Commission, Community Center, 1:30 p.m.
- June 23: RECSTRATS “ Linkages & Opportunities” Workshop, Community Center, 4:00 p.m.
- June 23: Projected opening of Reds Meadow Road
- June 24: Mammoth Mountain Adventure Center Opening Day
- June 24: Mammoth Mountain Bike Park Opening Day
- June 25: MLTC Summer Solstice Doubles Tournament @ Snowcreek
- June 26 Eastside Velo (ESV) Sage Hen Summit from Lee Vining Ride
- June 27: Swim Lessons – Session 1
- June 27: UK International Soccer Camp 1

Contact Us

All the events, programs and activities are listed on www.townofmammothlakes.com and in the 2011-12 Annual Mammoth Lakes 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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