

RECREATION THIS WEEK: June 29, 2011

Reds Meadow Road Now Open

Reds Meadow Road with access to the Devils Postpile National Monument opened on Wednesday June 29, 2011. Mandatory shuttle service will operate through Wednesday, September 7, 2011. Shuttles will depart from the base of the Mammoth Mountain Ski Area Main Lodge "Adventure Center" every 15-20 minutes during peak times (10:00am - 4:00pm) and 45 minutes during off-peak times (7:30am - 9:45am; 4:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.). The first shuttle will depart the Adventure Center daily at 7:30 a.m. Shuttles depart from The Village at Mammoth Lakes daily at 7:15, 8:00, 8:45, 9:15, and then every 30 minutes or less from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Motorists traveling as exception vehicles are urged to use caution, drive slowly, and watch for wildlife!

The snowpack in the valley is variable and is preventing the opening of several campgrounds and trails. Facilities that will be open on June 29th include Reds Meadow Resort, Devils Postpile National Monument (including trails to the Postpile and Rainbow Falls), and Reds Meadow Campground. Devils Postpile Campground will open on Friday, July 1, 2011 but may have snow patches. Additional facilities, campgrounds and trails should open before the July 4th holiday weekend, depending on weather conditions.

Backcountry travelers must take extra precautions and understand the many hazards that exist with the late spring conditions. Stream crossings are deep, swift, and dangerous. Many trails are covered with deep snow and large drifts. Passes are covered in snow and ice. Most lakes above 9000 feet are covered with snow and ice and unsafe for travel. Snow-free hiking opportunities are limited above 8500 feet. For information on the road opening and shuttle fees, or if planning a trip to the Reds Meadow Valley, please contact the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center at (760) 924-5500 extension 0, or visit www.fs.usda.gov/r5/inyo or www.twitter.com/mammothinfo.

Adult Summer Softball League Begins July 5

The Recreation Department has closed enrollment for the 2011 adult softball season and is welcoming back 8 returning Men's teams and 13 returning (and new) coed teams. First night of play is 5:15 p.m. **Tuesday, July 5**, at Shady Rest Park. Coed will play every Tuesday and Thursday nights, Men's league plays Mondays and Wednesdays. The snack bar will be open courtesy of the Mammoth Lakes Women's Club, so come on down and see what summer softball is all about at Shady Rest Park.

Adult Softball Tournament

The Men's 'E' Softball Tournament is scheduled on **July 16 & 17, 2011**. A round-robin format will be used with 1st and 2nd place individual awards, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place team trophies, and two MVP awards. Only ASA approved aluminum barreled bats allowed. For information call Grover Swick, Tournament Director: (760) 963-4902, or email hardlinedrives@gmail.com. A \$100 deposit is due 2 weeks before the tournament (Entry fee: \$350).

Grom Mania Skate Camp – NEW!

Designed for beginner to intermediate skaters, the Grom Mania Skate Camp beginning on **Wednesday, July 6, 2011** will meet daily at the Shady Rest Skate Park for drop-off and pick-up. In addition to a heavy emphasis on street scene skateboarding, the camp will also travel to summer hot spots and enjoy activities like bowling, swimming, and vert skating. The schedules for these Wednesday through Friday camps are available at the

Recreation Office. Helmet, elbow pads and kneepads are required. Cost is only \$35/day or \$100 for the 3-day camp. Call the Recreation Department at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 to register.

Challenger British Sports Camp – NEW!

Experience a Bit O’ Britain! If your child loves playing soccer, baseball, football and other team sports, then come check out what Challenger has to offer from **July 11-15, 2011!** Their team of British coaches will provide campers with a week of non-stop action, fun, and competition. Campers will enjoy games like Tag Rugby, Cricket, Rounders, Kick Ball, British Bull Dogs and Team relays and obstacle courses! Each player receives a camp T-shirt and certificate. The camp runs Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for ages 6-13. Call the Recreation Department at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 to register, or visit www.challengersports.com for more information or to register online.

Spaghetti & Meatballs Sports Camp

Offered after the Challenger British Sports Camp, this popular camp runs Monday – Friday from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. for ages 6-13 (July 11-15, 2011). Enjoy active sports including beach volleyball, basketball, frisbee golf, flag football, geocaching, swimming, and much more. Excursions into town are also planned with a lunch or two out, and possibly a movie. Look for the daily schedule at the Recreation Office. Cost is only \$20/day or \$75 for the week. Call the Recreation Department at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 to register.

The Village Rubber Ducky Race and the Mammoth Sharks

The Village is hosting the 6th annual Village Rubber Ducky Races as part of its 4th of July celebrations. The event is on **Saturday July 2, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Village Pond. The Village has partnered this year with the Mammoth Lakes Swim Team (The Mammoth Sharks) and the Sharks are out in force with an effort to pre-sell 600 ducks. Ducks can be purchased from the Sharks for \$2 each (or 6 ducks for 10 bucks). Sold ducks will be placed into The Village Pond water feature where ten ducks from three heats will move on to the final round. The top three ducks from the final race will win prizes donated by Village businesses; Ben & Jerry’s, Pita Pit, Busy Bee General Store, Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory and The Side Door.

Sports and Entertainment Memorabilia Silent Auction and the Mammoth Sharks

The Village has partnered with the Mammoth Lakes Swim Team to host a silent auction on Saturday and **Sunday, July 2nd and 3rd** from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. in The Village walkway. This auction will feature authentic sports and entertainment memorabilia. Auction items will include Bode Miller, Lindsey Vonn and Shaun White hand-signed original framed pieces. A special hand-signed, Lindsey Vonn Wheaties box was also donated for the Shark’s auction from Dion’s private collection. For more information about the Mammoth Sharks or how to buy a duck, please contact Nicole Godoy: **760-914-2186** - nicole@thegodoys.com

Mammoth Lakes Farmers Market

Farmers Market is back in Mammoth every Wednesday between 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. until the end of summer. Grab your re-usable shopping bag and get over to the Luxury Outlet Mall on Main Street for some home grown produce, arts & crafts, entertainment and more. For vendor information contact: info@greenfoxevents.com, (760) 709-6744 or Facebook us.

Mammoth Sharks Summer Workout Schedule

- No Monday morning workout ever

- Monday 10 & Under 4-5:30, 11 & Over 5-7pm
- Tuesday 11 & Over 7:45-9am, 10 & Under 9-10am; AND 10 & Under 4-5:30pm, 11 & Over 5-7pm
- Wednesday 11 & Over 7:45-9am, 10 & Under 9-10am; AND 10 & Under 4-5:30pm, 11 & Over 5-7pm
- Thursday 11 & Over 7:45-9am, 10 & Under 9-10am; AND 10 & Under 4-5:30pm, 11 & Over 5-7pm
- Friday 11 & Over 7:45-9am, 10 & Under 9-10am; EVERYBODY 4-6:30pm (younger kids will get out at 5:30pm)

Sierra Club, Range of Light Activities

- Sierra Club evening hikes every Wednesday. See <http://nevada.sierraclub.org/rolgroup/>
- Sierra Club Outings every Sunday. See <http://nevada.sierraclub.org/rolgroup/>
- Sierra Club Social and Program: Tuesday July 19, Hayden Cabin Museum BBQ.
- Go to <http://nevada.sierraclub.org/rolgroup/> for details.
- Sierra Club Hike with Birders Steve Brad & Ken Wells, Saturday July 30.
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Blue Sky Food & Wine Seminars

Join us for two fun days of learning and tasting with renowned chefs and wine experts at the Blue Sky Food & Wine Seminars **July 8-9, 2011** at Edison Theatre! Each seminar features wine tasting paired with tapas-style plates to bring out the best flavors of each. A choice of seven seminars over two days includes: Spanish Wine and Tapas, The Emergence of Paso Robles, An Intro to the Art of Wine and Food Pairing, Chef Frederic's Best, Your Fit Gourmet Yvonne Tally and California Vintage. Food & Wine Seminar tickets are \$50/person and include all seven seminars. Seminars are also included with the Blue Sky Food & Wine Experience ticket. Visit www.mammothlakesfoundation.org for all the details or to purchase a ticket.

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...

Sluggers Instructional T-Ball Wraps Up

T-ball pictures are ready for pick-up at the Recreation Office above Giovannis. If anyone didn't get a shirt just let me know as I have a couple extras. Let all your kids know they did great and I hope to see them again next year. Thanks, John Connolly - League Coordinator. PS. Volunteer Dragon coaches did great!

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.

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!

Learn to Swim this Summer at the Whitmore Pool

The Whitmore Pool is your venue for swim lessons of all ages and abilities this summer. Located adjacent to the ball fields on Benton Crossing Road, this unique outdoor aquatic facility has a 360-degree view of the Eastern Sierra, including the Glass and White Mountain ranges. Stroke Improvement classes are offered 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. American Red Cross Swim Lessons are progressive lessons offered for all ages. The Whitmore Pool staff will help you place your child in the correct level and provide information regarding times of the specific class needed. Classes are subject to cancellation due to low enrollment if the minimum class size of 3 students is not met. The first session begins June 27 between 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. for Tiny Tot, and level I, between 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. for Tiny Tot, II, III. Please call the Whitmore Pool at (760) 935-4222 for reservations or stop by to make arrangements.

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!

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: The Whitmore Pool is open – swim lessons...
- On-going: Little Sluggers Begins at MES (ends June 29)
- On-going: Tennis Lessons every Tuesday/Thursday
- On-going: Main Street Farmers Market every Wednesday
- May 1 – June 30: Convict Lake Spring Fishing Derby
- June 29: Reds Meadow Road OPEN
- July 1: Footloose Sports Tour of Mammoth Bike Challenge begins
- July 2: Mono County Free Fishing Day
- July 2: Summer of Stewardship Trail Day
- July 2: Mammoth Lakes Swim Team 4th of July Triathlon
- July 4: Footloose Freedom Mile – 10:10 a.m.
- July 4: Chamber of Commerce Parade – 11:00 a.m.
- July 4: POPS in the Park – 1:30 p.m.
- July 4: Fireworks Spectacular at Crowley Lake – 9:00 p.m.
- July 5: Swim Lessons Session 11
- July 5: Coed Softball Leagues Begins
- July 6: Men's Softball League Begins
- July 6-8: Grom Mania Skate Camp
- July 8-9: June Lake Triathlon and Festival
- July 8-10: Blue Sky Festival
- July 11: Challenger British Sports Camp - AM
- July 11: Spaghetti & Meatballs Sports Camp – PM
- July 11: Swim Lessons Session 111
- July 12: Mammoth Sharks Swim-a-Thon
- July 12: Recreation Commission Meeting
- July 13-17: Mammoth Lakes Jazz Jubilee
- July 16-17: Adult Softball Tournament, Men's E
- July 17 – ESV Wildrose Summit Ride

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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