

RECREATION THIS WEEK: January 4, 2012

Recreation Department News...

SKATE MONDAY NIGHT!

No more Monday Night Football? Don't despair! Due to overwhelming demand, the Mammoth Ice Rink will now open to the public on Monday evenings. Skate under the lights between 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. for the same low price of \$10 for adults, \$7.00 for youth, and FREE for children under 4 years of age with a paid adult. Prices include skate rental. This winter get your 6th Skate FREE with the new Five Skate Pass (5SP), Seniors and college students skate mid-week for half-price, and local students skate for only \$2.00 per session (including skate rentals). Visit www.Mammothicerink.com for all the details. We'll see you on the ice!

STICK-TIME AT THE MAMMOTH ICE RINK!

Get some "Stick time" at the Mammoth Ice Rink every Wednesday during lunch (12:00 – 2:00 p.m.). Anyone can get on the ice and experience an introduction to Ice Hockey. Instruction is provided and normal skating fees apply, skate rentals, sticks, and pucks available - helmets recommended!

MAMMOTH MEN'S 4 ON 4 BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The Recreation Department is hosting a Men's 4 on 4 Basketball League every Monday and Wednesday evening at the MHS gym. The deadline for signing up a Adult Basketball team is **Wednesday, January 18, 2012**. Teams are admitted into the league on a first-come, first-served basis with 8 person/team maximum. League fees are \$350/team. Fees cover custom jerseys, end-of-season awards, and league administration. For more information please call John at (760) 934-8989 x234 or William at (619) 987-2670. Team and individual sign-ups are taking place now at the Recreation office located upstairs in the Minaret Village Mall.

OPEN GYM BASKETBALL BEGINS JAN. 8

The Recreation Department in partnership with the Mammoth Unified School District will be offering open gym basketball at the MHS gym every Sunday from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. beginning **January 8, 2012**. The cost is only \$2/player per session with the completion of a Town waiver. Program concludes on Sunday, March 25, 2012. Please call (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 for additional information.

PICK-UP YOUTH SOCCER BEGINS JAN. 8

If you're looking for more soccer, the Recreation Department in partnership with the Mammoth Unified School District will be offering pick-up youth soccer at the MHS Gym every Sunday from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. beginning **January 8, 2012**. The cost is only \$2/player per session with the completion of a Town waiver. Based on demand, games will be 5 v 5 and structured by age division (U8-U10, U12-U15 & U19). Goals and soccer balls are supplied - shin guards and indoor shoes required (no cleats). Program concludes on Sunday, March 25, 2012. Please call (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 for additional information.

TENNIS ANYONE!

Looking to play some tennis this winter? Head up to the Community Center Tennis Courts and play a few sets with your friends and family. A net has been set on one court, so be patient and considerate of other players.

GET YOUR SKATES ON MAMMOTH LAKES!

The new and improved Mammoth Ice Rink is now open to the public. The Mammoth Ice Rink is located at 416 Sierra Park Road adjacent to the Mammoth Lakes Library and opposite Mammoth High School. The Mammoth Ice Rink is an outdoor facility offering public skating sessions, hockey clinics, pick-up hockey, skating lessons and special events. Amenities include skate sharpening, skate rentals and snack and beverage services.

Session rates for the 2011/12 season have been 'frozen' from 2009/10. Adults skate for \$10.00 with skate rentals, youth (5-15) for \$8.00 with skate rentals, and kids 4 and under skate free with a paid adult. This winter get your 6th Skate FREE with the new Five Skate Pass (5SP), Seniors and college students skate mid-week for half-price, and local students skate for only \$2.00 per session (including skate rentals).

New Hockey Times: Drop-in Ice Hockey has been programmed on Wednesday evenings for youth between 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., followed by women's hockey from 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. On Tuesday/Thursday evenings the men take to the ice between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturday morning the youth (5-15 yrs) are on the ice, and an open Hockey session has been scheduled on Sunday morning from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. When visiting the Mammoth Ice Rink, please consider taking the Main Lodge – Village/Vons – Snowcreek Shuttle (Red Line), Mid-Town LIFT (Purple Line) or Old Mammoth LIFT (Grey line) to the Mammoth Ice Rink as parking is limited.

The Mammoth Ice Rink is owned and operated by the Town of Mammoth Lakes through a partnership with Mammoth Unified School District and Mono County Office of Education. The facility is drug-free, smoke-free and pet-free. We accept cash, credit cards, and personal checks with a valid driver's license. For the complete winter schedule, rates and special promotions visit www.mammothicerink.com, see our rack card in all Certified Racks located throughout Mammoth Lakes, or call the Mammoth Ice Rink at (760) 934-2505.

CONTACT US

All the summer, fall, winter and Spring events, programs and activities are listed on www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us and in the 2011-12 Annual 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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On-Going Recreation Programs...

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.
- 8-12+ yr olds – Tuesday: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Invitation only.

Five session Punch Cards are available for \$60 for the first family member and \$55 for each additional family member. Private lessons are available upon request, please inquire with the instructor. Drop-ins cost \$15 per session are welcome and encouraged - First one is FREE! Please call (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 for more information or to register your aspiring Gymnast!

PARTY YOURSELF INTO SHAPE!

Zumba® Fitness offered by Kaysie Williams returns on **Monday, January 9, 2012** from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Community Center, 1000 Forest Trail.

Recreation News, Events & Activities in Town...

MAMMOTH HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

The Men's Basketball team plays tonight at 5:30 p.m. at the MHS Gym. Admission is free for all M.U.S.D students, and a Half-time contest for a cash prize! On Friday, January 6, for the first time ever, the girls and boys soccer teams will be playing at Tom Gault Stadium. Women kick off at 3:00 p.m., and the Men at 5:00 p.m. Go Huskies!

BURTON MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL & PRO-TEST

Stop by the snow in front of Main Lodge to experience the Burton Mountain Festival. This three-day event begins Friday, January 6, 2012, and gives everyone a chance to demo and test ride the newest 2012 hardgoods and get information on Burton products. Try before you buy! Test ride Burton's latest gear during Burton Mountain Festival and receive a 10% discount off your purchase of any Burton hardgoods from the Main Lodge Sport Shop. Must be 18 or have a parent-signed liability waiver to demo the gear, and if you're new to freestyle snowboarding you'll love the addition of the all-new Riglet Park! This area located on the snow in front of the Yodler Restaurant will provide a safe environment for children to experience their first moves on a snowboard, whether it's the basics of balance or sliding a box. For the more experienced, register for the Burton Pro-Test. This all-ages 4-Star TTR contest invites participants in slopestyle and halfpipe to compete for part of a \$7,000 purse and the chance to qualify for the Burton U.S. Open of Snowboarding. It's only \$10 to enter and you can register at Burton.com or on site.

POLAR EXTREMES - ESAC ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Keep the holiday celebrations rolling for one more week with the Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center as it holds its annual Season Kickoff Event and Fundraiser on **Saturday, January 7, 2012**. This year's event features world-renowned ski mountaineer, Andrew McLean, who has completed first descents on all seven continents, and runs the popular website www.straightchuter.com. McLean's presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. and is titled, "Polar Extremes." It covers two trips that McLean took in 2011 to spots on nearly polar opposite points on the globe — Spitsbergen, Norway and the Antarctic Peninsula. The two areas are separated by 145 degrees of latitude.

Doors open for the evening program at Eagle Lodge at 6:00 p.m. and tickets are only \$10. Shortly following McLean's presentation there will be a huge raffle. Don't miss your chance to win a new pair of skis, a

snowboard, or one of the other fabulous prizes provided by local businesses and corporate sponsors. Also enjoy light snacks and a no-host bar while you bid on silent auction items throughout the evening.

Earlier in the day, beginning at 11:30 a.m., head over to the Mountainside Conference Center at Mammoth Mountain's Main Lodge for free daytime avalanche clinics. Register between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for sessions running from 12:30-2 p.m. and 2:30-4 p.m. Local backcountry mountain guides will lead all seminars, and you can pre-register at www.esavalanche.org. All of the daytime events are free and open to the public.

The event is being put on by the Friends of Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center, which is a 501(c) 3 non-profit that supports the Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center in fundraising and outreach. ESAC's mission is to advise and educate the public on avalanche conditions in the backcountry of the Eastern Sierra. They accomplish this through a partnership with the Inyo National Forest and through the support of Inyo and Mono counties, Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, the Town of Mammoth Lakes, and Mammoth Mountaineering Supply. Funds raised during the Season Kickoff, other events, and through grants help fund the avalanche forecaster's salary and overall Center operations. The Season Kickoff Event is also the main membership drive of the season. For more information visit www.esavalanche.org

GLASS CREEK WINTER EXPLORATION WITH FRIENDS OF THE INYO

This is one of FOI's favorite winter outings for snowshoeing or skiing. This year the weather isn't really cooperating for those activities. But... when life gives you lemons, make lemonade! Rare is the year where we can drive all the way to the trailhead for Glass Creek Meadow in mid January. Meet at the Obsidian Dome Road parking area (opposite the Bald Mountain Road) off Highway 395 on Sunday, January 15, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.; we'll carpool, continue to the trailhead and follow the summer trail to the meadow. Perhaps we'll find a weasel in its white winter coat! Some snow and potentially icy conditions should be expected. Bring clothing and footwear appropriate for the conditions, and food and water for a full day. Gaitors and ski poles are recommended. Email todd@friendsoftheinyo.org for more information.

Upcoming & On-Going Events...

- On-going: Gymnastics/Tumbling Program at the Community Center
 - Jan. 4: MHS Basketball
 - Jan. 6: MHS Soccer
 - Jan. 6: Burton Mountain Festival and Pro-Test
 - Jan. 7: Polar Extremes - ESAC Annual Fundraiser
 - Jan. 7: Mono Cup (USSA Far West Open Series GS)
 - Jan. 8: The Unbound Series- Giant Slalom and Slalom
 - Jan. 8: Open Gym Basketball & Pick-up Youth Soccer begins at MHS (ends March 25)
 - Jan. 9: Zumba Fitness resumes at the Community Center
 - Jan. 10: VILLAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS RACE 1
 - Jan. 10: Recreation Commission Mtg. Ste Z, 3PM
 - Jan. 13: Inyo/Mono League GS 1&2
 - Jan. 14: Martin Luther King Holiday
 - Jan. 14: National Safety Awareness Week!
 - Jan. 14: Volcom Peanut Butter & Rail Jam Qualifiers
 - Jan. 15: Jr. VC Race # 1
 - Jan. 18: Joint Town Council/Recreation Commission Workshop, Ste Z, 5PM
 - Jan. 19: Special Meeting of the Recreation Commission, Ste Z, 4PM
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