

RECREATION THIS WEEK: January 18, 2012

Recreation Department News...

MAMMOTH LAKES CONGRATULATES IT'S ELITE MARATHON RUNNERS

Mammoth Lakes sent six runners to the U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials in Houston this past weekend. Meb Keflezighi WON an amazing men's race with a personal best of 2:09:08 (5 seconds better than November's NYC marathon.) The 36 year old athlete was quoted as saying, "Age is just a number in your head." Indeed it is. Go Meb!

Mammoth Track Club results:

Meb Keflezighi: 1st (men's);
Amy Hastings: 4th (women's);
Deena Kastor: 6th (women's);
Josh Cox: 14th (men's);
Patrick Smyth: 22nd (men's);
Jennifer Rhines: 64th (women's)

Mammoth Lakes Town Councilmember Rick Wood also ran in the Houston Marathon and finished with a division winning time of 3:09.35. Rick ran a 7:13 per mile pace for the 60-64 age group. Nice Job Rick!

\$5.00 MONDAYS AT THE MAMMOTH ICE RINK

Skate every Monday night (non-holiday) between 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. for only \$5.00. The \$5.00 rate includes skate rental, and is available for all skating enthusiasts: youth, adults and seniors! Call (760) 934-2505 or visit www.Mammothicerink.com for all the details. We'll see you on the ice!

RECREATION DEPARTMENT HOSTS "FAME!"

The Town of Mammoth Lakes Recreation Department is offering a special winter week-long session of Youtheatre scheduled for **Monday, February 27, to Saturday, March 3, 2012**. The show will be "Fame", and rehearsal schedules will be from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. after school (Mon.-Fri.) with two shows scheduled for Saturday, March 3, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Arts Center.

Registration deadline for the program is Friday, February 17, 2012. The fees for this winter workshop are \$85 for children 7 and up. We will offer a multi-child discount this year. Space is limited and will sell-out fast! Registration is at the Recreation Department Office located above Giovanni's in the Vons shopping center (Minaret Village Mall). For more information please call (760) 934-8989 ext. 234.

Costume requirements:

"Fame" – Ann will furnish all costumes and props as usual. Everyone needs dance shoes, and for the final number everyone needs to furnish their own clothing in black and red. Lastly, everyone should dress if going to school, however, in clothes fit for stretching and dancing. There is also a 'tap' scene so tap shoes are welcome too. Similar to last winter's Glee Club there will be an audition scene where each child is welcome to sing their favorite song. Ann will work as many children's solos into Saturday's performances as possible. Having the song ready on CD for the first day of practice will be very helpful.

ICE SKATING LESSONS

Group lessons begin on **Wednesday, January 18, 2012** at the Mammoth Ice Rink. Lessons are scheduled for 30 minutes, for a cost of only \$10 per student, with a guaranteed maximum of 8 students per group. Lesson times are 3:30 – 4:00 p.m., 4:30 – 5:00 p.m., and 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Purchase five lessons in advance and get the 6th Lesson FREE! Please call the Mammoth Ice Rink at (760) 934-2505 for reservations or additional information.

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! 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.

MAMMOTH MEN'S 4 ON 4 BASKETBALL LEAGUE BEGINS JAN. 30

The Recreation Department is hosting a Men's 4 on 4 Basketball League every Monday and Wednesday evening at the MMS gym. The League begins **Monday, January 30 2012** and concludes on April 16, 2012. 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.

WINTER INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE FOR 1ST AND 2ND GRADES

Join recreation staff and coach William for exciting basketball basics on Thursday evenings beginning **February 2, 2012** from 6:00 p.m. at the Mammoth Middle School gym. This program is offered for free and is limited to the first 40 sign-ups. Kindergarteners are welcome with a volunteering parent. Lowered 7ft hoops and smaller balls will be supplied. For more information please call John at (760) 934-8989 ext. 234 or swing by the Recreation Department office located above Giovanni’s to enroll and sign the emergency waiver.

OPEN GYM BASKETBALL

The Recreation Department in partnership with the Mammoth Unified School District is 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

If you’re looking for more soccer, the Recreation Department in partnership with the Mammoth Unified School District is 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. Nets have been erected on courts 3 & 4 so enjoy, and be patient and considerate of other players. We would like to remind you that the bathrooms and water fountains are closed for the winter.

ICE HOCKEY

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. Fees for Youth/Women is only \$5.00, Men \$10.00.

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!

ZUMBA FITNESS - \$5.00 FEBRUARY

Party yourself into shape for only \$5 this February at the Community Center. Zumba® Fitness offered by Kaysie Williams is programmed every Monday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Recreation News, Events & Activities in Town...

UP TO 5 FEET OF SNOW FORECASTED

According to local and national weather reports, not one but three storms are scheduled to hit Mammoth Lakes this weekend, dumping 3-5 feet of snow on top of Mammoth Mountain. Get your skis or board tuned and get ready for tons of freshies. Check out the deals page at www.VisitMammoth.com/Deals

SR 108 "SONORA PASS" & SR 120 "TIOGA PASS" ROAD UPDATE

Due to current weather conditions, State Route 120 West, "Tioga Pass" closed Tuesday, January 17th, 2012 for the season. State Route 108 "Sonora Pass" will close on Wednesday, January 18th, 2012 at 12:00 pm. Depending on weather conditions, this may be a season closure. Monitor Pass remains open, but could be closed if winter weather conditions warrant. Weather and road conditions can change rapidly during winter storms. High winds and blowing snow often cause zero visibility conditions. Call 1-800-427-7623 for current road conditions. For immediate updates, follow us on Twitter at: Caltrans9 or Facebook at: California Department of Transportation District 9.

MAMMOTH NORDIC FOUNDATION HOSTS WINTER WILDLANDS ALLIANCE BACKCOUNTRY FILM FESTIVAL.

The Winter Wildlands Alliance Backcountry Film Festival made its world premiere 11-11-11 and Mammoth Nordic Foundation will host a showing on **Friday, January 20, 2012** at the USFS Auditorium, 2520 Main Street, Mammoth Lakes (near the Welcome Center) Whether you are a fan of the backcountry, side-country, the Mammoth Nordic Trail System or simply hot chocolate by the fire, you won't want to miss this celebration of the winter experience. The cost is \$10 with tickets available at Access Art & Business Center.

The Seventh Annual World Tour of the Winter Wildlands Alliance Backcountry Film Festival highlights the beauty and fun of the winter backcountry experience. Submissions come from renowned filmmakers who travel every corner of the globe to submit their best backcountry work, and from grassroots filmmakers who take a video camera out on their weekend excursions and submit their best film short. The films are juried by a select panel of judges and the top films are assembled into a 90 minute program.

The festival was created to highlight Winter Wildlands Alliance's efforts to preserve and conserve winter landscapes for quiet users. The festival travels to more than 75 communities throughout the United States, and then overseas to Antarctica, Europe Australia and Asia. Funds raised stay in local communities to support local human-powered recreation efforts and to raise awareness of winter management issues, avalanche training/ safety and winter education programs. For more information, please visit www.mammothnordic.com or feel free to contact Brian Knox at brian@mammothnordic.com or Barbara Richter Barbara@mammothnordic.com.

EDISON THEATRE PRESENTS 2ND ANNUAL “POETRY OUT LOUD” COMPETITION

On **Saturday, January 28, 2012** at 6:00 p.m. the Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre in cooperation with Mammoth Lakes Foundation presents the 2nd Annual Mono County Finals in the national Poetry Out Loud competition. Artistic Director Shira Dubrovner became aware of the Poetry Out Loud program that launched nationwide in 2006, when Eva Poole-Gilson, a published poet and instructor at Cerro Coso College who resides in Bishop, brought it to her attention last year. Dubrovner quickly embraced the idea of offering the same opportunities to students in the Eastern Sierra that are available to students in much larger, urban communities.

Poetry Out Loud was created by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation and is administered in partnership with the State Arts Agencies—in this case the California Arts Council. This year’s competition at the Edison Theatre is sponsored by the Eastern Sierra Community Bank. It is a contest that encourages the nation's youth to learn about great poetry through memorization and recitation. The program helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about their literary heritage. POL has grown every year with over 365,000 students competing in 2010-2011.

This year competitors include students from Benton High School, Coleville High School, Lee Vining High School, and Mammoth Lakes High School, all coached by Poole-Gilson. Poetry Out Loud uses a pyramid structure that starts at the classroom level. Winners advance to a school-wide competition, then to a regional competition—the Mono County Competition at the Edison Theatre on January 28, then to the state competition on March 26 in Sacramento, and ultimately to the National Finals in Washington D.C. in May.

CMU PRESENTS “TRULY, MADLY, DEEPLY”

On **Saturday, January 28, 2012**, Chamber Music Unbound presents The Felici Piano Trio and guests Tereza Stanislav, violin and Robert Brophy, viola, in a concert entitled “Truly, Madly, Deeply” with music by Haydn, Schubert, Barber and Elgar. The concert is held at the Cerro Coso College in Mammoth Lakes, and begins at 7:00 p.m. Tickets (\$25 Adult, \$17 Senior) are available online (www.ChamberMusicUnbound.org), at Access Art and Business Center, the Inyo Council for the Arts, or at the door on concert nights.

ADVENTURE SLIDE SHOW SERIES

The 2012 Adventure Slide Show Series has begun. Snowcreek Athletic Club hosts a series of eight multi-media presentations with a focus on adventure every Tuesday night in January and February (except Feb 14). Shows start at 7:00 p.m. Below is the line up....put the shows on your calendar! Come early to grab some food and a drink, and please carpool as parking is limited.

Tuesday, January 31st
Speaker: Cathleen Calkins
Kamchatka Peninsula: Backcountry Skiing Russia’s Remote Volcanos

Tuesday, February 7th
Speaker: Dave Nettle
Italy: A Ski Mountaineering Hut to Hut Adventure in the Ortler Alps

Tuesday, February 21st
Speaker: Kari Castle
Peru: Hang Gliding Over the Andes’ Mystical Ruins

Tuesday, February 28th

Speaker: Marty Lewis

The Owens River Gorge: A traditional sport climbing paradise

2012 LITTLE LEAGUE ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Calling all Mono County baseball players ages 5 – 15: online registration for the 2012 Little League season is now open! Be an “early bird” and register on or before **February 6, 2012** to save \$10 per child! Walk in registration events will be held on January 31, 2012 and February 6, 2012 - for more information or to register, visit www.MonoCountyLittleLeague.com or contact Carl Underkoffler at (760) 914-0428. PLAY BALL!

Upcoming & On-Going Events...

- On-going: Gymnastics/Tumbling Program at the Community Center
 - On-going: Sunday Night Open Gym Basketball & Pick-up Youth Soccer at MHS (ends March 25)
 - On-going: Zumba Fitness at the Community Center - \$5.00 Februarys'
 - On-going: \$5.00 Monday evening at the Mammoth Ice Rink
 - On-going: Stick-time at the Mammoth Ice Rink every Wednesday lunch
 - On-going: Ice Hockey every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings
 - Jan. 18: Ice Skating lessons begin at the Mammoth Ice Rink
 - Jan. 18: Joint Town Council/Recreation Commission Workshop, Ste Z, 5PM
 - Jan. 19: Special Meeting of the Recreation Commission, Ste Z, 4PM – 2011 Measure R Fall Awards
 - Jan. 19: Mammoth Trails Meeting
 - Jan. 20: Winter Wildlands Alliance Backcountry Film Festival
 - Jan. 21: Rick Conrado Memorial Ski Race
 - Jan. 21: The Unbound Series – Boardercross
 - Jan. 22: The Unbound Series - Slopestyle
 - Jan. 23: Mammoth AYSO Board Meeting
 - Jan. 23: DSES Wounded Warrior Project
 - Jan. 24: VC's Race 2
 - Jan. 27: Inyo/Mono League SL
 - Jan. 28: The Unbound Series – Rail Jam
 - Jan. 29: The Unbound Series – Halfpipe
 - Jan. 30: Men's 4 on 4 Basketball League begins
 - Jan. 31: VC's race 3
 - Feb. 2: Winter Instructional Basketball League for 1st & 2nd Grades begins
 - Feb. 5: Allan Bard 20k Classic Race
 - Feb. 6: Mono County Little League Registration deadline
 - Feb. 17: Registration deadline for FAME
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