

RECREATION THIS WEEK: March 14, 2012

Recreation Department News...

YOUTH SPORTS FUNDING APPLICATION PERIOD CLOSES MARCH 23

The Town of Mammoth Lakes awards funds annually to youth sporting organizations who are in need of additional funding to supplement organized, non-profit, youth sporting programs operating in and around Mammoth Lakes. Applications are now available from the Recreation Department Office located in the Minaret Village Mall, above Giovanni's or online at: www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us. To be considered for funding, an application must be completed and submitted to the Town of Mammoth Lakes Recreation Department office by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 23, 2012**. To obtain additional information, or assistance, please contact Stephanie Daniel at (760) 934-8989 ext. 237 or sdaniel@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us.

NOTICE OF VACANCY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Council is soliciting applications for a representative of the Town of Mammoth Lakes to the Measure U Application Committee. The Town Council is establishing a Measure U Application Committee to oversee the Measure U application process, funding recommendations, and project oversight. The terms and conduct of the Measure U Application Committee will be in accordance with the Town's Advisory Bodies Handbook. The Town has three representative positions on the Measure U Application Committee; one seat is held by a member of the Recreation Commission, one seat is held by a member of the Mobility Commission, and there is a need for an additional representative from the arts and culture community. The Committee will establish their own schedule of meetings.

Interested parties should file an application with the Town Clerk on or before **Friday, March 23, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.** Application forms may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Offices, Minaret Village Shopping Center; or by writing to P.O. Box 1609, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, Attention: Town Clerk; or by phoning 934-8989, extension 267; or by visiting the Town's website at www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Recreation Department in partnership with Mammoth Unified School District (MUSD) and the Mono County Office of Education (MCOE) are investigating programming options and/or activities for use this summer at the Multi-Use/Ice Rink Facility. Please tell us what you want to see and/or do at the Multi-use facility this summer! Complete the short online survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DT6FS7L>, or complete a survey at the Recreation Department Office in the Minaret Village Mall located above Giovanni's. Please call (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 for additional information. We look forward to hearing from you!

FREE WINTER INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE FOR 1ST AND 2ND GRADES

Join recreation staff and coach William for exciting basketball basics on Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 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. Coach William recommends you purchase your child a youth size basketball. The extra time with a basketball will help greatly with ball handling and dribbling skills. We are committed in getting our local kids on a basketball track that will take them all the way to high school and beyond. Lastly, we still have room in our growing youth basketball program – encourage your children's friends to come on out on Thursday nights, it's free! 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. Hoop it up!

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. 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. 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.

MAMMOTH MEN'S 4 ON 4 BASKETBALL LEAGUE IS UNDERWAY!

The Men's 4 on 4 Basketball League is underway. Scheduled every Monday and Wednesday evening at the MMS gym the League concludes on April 16, 2012. 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 ext. 234 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.

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.

NOTIFY ME!

Receive updates sent directly to your email or phone from the Town of Mammoth Lakes by subscribing to "Notify Me." Found on the left side of www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us, stay current with Public Service Announcements, Emergency Alerts, Town e-News, Recreation This Week, No Burn Announcements, DNDP updates, bid postings, news flash, calendar items, and more! Make smart decisions, subscribe today!

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.

- 3-4 yr. olds – Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

- 4-5 yr. olds – Saturday: 9:30 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

Party yourself into shape with Zumba® Fitness offered by Kaysie Williams from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Community Center, 1000 Forest Trail. Cost: 10 punch-\$77.50; 5 punch-\$42.50; Drop-In rate \$10 per class and your first class is only \$5!

Recreation News, Events & Activities in Town...

OAKLEY WEEK

March Madness takes on a whole new meaning here in the mountains, as Mammoth teams up with Oakley for a week of fresh snow and action-packed activities. **Oakley Week has something for everyone**; including the Shred Hunt, where hundreds of awesome prizes are stashed all over the mountain and you can sign to hunt them down or the Goggle Bar, where you can custom design your new pair of Oakley goggles! Beginning **March 17, 2012** check out the Rolling O Lab, the Shred Hunt, and the Oakley Hang Out in The Village at Mammoth to meet your favorite professional snowboarders from the Oakley global team like Eero Ettala, Eiki Helgason, Mark McMorris and Stale Sandbech!

NORDIC FEST

Join Mammoth Mountain and Tamarack XC Ski Center for a **celebration of Nordic skiing! Beginning March 23**, enjoy the fast paced skiing and shooting action of the Mammoth Biathlon – one of the largest biathlon events in the country – or strap on your skis for a go at the Mammoth Marathon at Tamarack Ski Center. If racing isn't your thing or you are just starting out on cross country skis be sure to check out the plethora of clinics and classes available at Tamarack, where everyone from beginners to advanced skiers can learn to perfect their technique from Tamarack's expert staff of instructors. Visit www.mammothmountain.com.

RANGE OF LIGHT RECREATION – MARCH 18

Our Ski/Snowshoe outings continue on Thursdays and Sundays this month. We have a special outing on **Sunday, March 18, 2012** with Sandy Burnside leading a group up Rock Creek Canyon to the lodge and on Sunday March 25, 2012 with Janet Carle in the Mono Basin Area. The monthly meeting and program is at the Crowley Lake Community Center on Tuesday March 20 with John and Nancy Walter giving a travel narrative entitled Two Weddings, a Funeral and a Festival or How we Ate One Horse, Two Cows and One Sheep. Potluck at 6:15 p.m. and program at 7:00 p.m. Visit: nevada.sierraclub.org/rolgroup.

HIGH SIERRA TRIATHLON CLUB SEASON OPENER

The HSTC Season Opener Party is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 21, 2012** at the Bistro at Snowcreek. Dinner is only \$10 for a delicious Creekside salad topped with chicken or veggie option (tax/tip included). Brian from Brian's Bicycles & Cross-Country Skis will inform the team about advances in bike technology, tri bikes and road bikes, as well as do-it yourself maintenance. Please RSVP to Sally Gaines, HSTC President at (760) 935-4088.

4TH ANNUAL MAMMOTH WINTER BIATHLON

Biathlon is an individual and/or team endurance sport which combines cross-country skiing and rifle marksmanship. Participate in the 4th Annual Mammoth Winter Biathlon scheduled from **March 23-25, 2012**. Racers ski one loop, shoot, ski one penalty lap for each missed shot, ski another loop, shoot, ski one penalty lap for each missed shot, and ski the final loop. Penalty laps are 150 meters. For adults and 16-19 year old juniors (J1 & OJ), total race distance is 10 kilometers plus penalty laps. For Beginner Adult and 12-15 year old juniors (J2 & J3) total race distance is 6k plus penalty laps. For 8-11 year old juniors (J5 & J4) total race distance is 3k plus penalty laps. Special lightweight rifles and barrel support are provided for eight to eleven year olds who will shoot all shots prone. All others shoot one stage standing and one stage prone with standard biathlon rifles.

Safety and respect for other winter recreationalists is of utmost importance to the biathlon community. Prior shooting experience is not necessary. Rifle safety and instruction will be provided on race day for those who do not take the Pre-Comp Clinic. Community rifles and ammunition are provided for those who do not have their own. Community rifles are left at the shooting range. You do not ski with a rifle unless you bring your own. Athletes ski with unloaded and unchambered weapons and shoot live ammunition only at targets within the designated range area during scheduled and supervised times. For additional information, including the schedule, entry fees, and sponsorship opportunities, please visit: <http://www.mammothmountain.com/ResortActivities/SpecialEvents/biathlon/>

2012 MAMMOTH INVITATIONAL

From April 13-15, the Mammoth Invitational is your opportunity to ski or ride Mammoth Mountain's incredible terrain, race gates, or work on radical turns under the expert guidance of well-known US national and Olympic ski, snowboard and free ride team athletes and professionals – all while helping kids of all types; under-privileged, athletic, academic, talented... and yes, just our fabulous kids! At night, the rhythm changes with great food and entertainment – live and silent auctions, Heroes+Kids – a chance for the kids to meet their heroes one-on-one and Casino Royale the night where the grown-ups get to play. Please visit <http://www.mammothfoundation.org/> to register or for more information.

KIDAPOLOOZA 2012!

Organizers are thrilled to announce that the main entertainment for KidApolooza is children's bilingual recording artist, *Jose Luis Orozco*. KidApolooza is presented by the Mono County Office of Education and the Inyo County Superintendent of Schools. With further support from the Mono County Child Care Council, this great event will also feature a family photo booth, interactive and fun displays, games, a bicycle rodeo, clowns, animals, and many other things fun and good.

KidApolooza is a one-day event celebrating kids, family togetherness, wellness, literacy, social and environmental responsibility. It is scheduled for Saturday, June 9, 2012 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in

Mammoth Creek Park in Mammoth Lakes. It is FREE and open to the public. Families in the Eastern Sierra are encouraged to pack up the family and attend! All retail businesses, services providers, and non-profit organizations that share the values of KidApoolooza are welcome to participate, have an interactive booth, or sponsor the event. For more information on this event, or on being a participant or sponsor, please contact event manager Sandra Di Domizio at (760) 709-6744 or sandrad@greenfoxevents.com.

TAMARACK SKATE CLINICS

Whether you've never been on skate skis or want to get better fast you'll benefit from the consistent instruction of the new weekly Skate Ski Clinic. Learn about technique from the expert instructors at Tamarack XC Ski Center in 4 skate clinics. Classes meet Thursday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. **from February 23 thru March 15, 2012.** Cost is \$99 per person. Reservations required - call the Ski Center at (760) 934-2442 x 8 for more information.

'EASE BACK INTO SWIM' WORKOUTS

Join HSTC every Thursday morning at the Snowcreek Athletic Club in the indoor pool from 9:00 a.m. for an ease back into the pool and get your swim on! Now's the time to dust off those cobwebs from your fins and swim cap - get in the water and get a head start on your triathlon training!

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
- On-going Men's 4 on 4 Basketball League (Mon. & Wed.)
- On-going FREE winter instructional basketball league for 1st and 2nd grades
- March 1 Youth Sports Funding Applications OPEN
- March 13 California Fire and Police Olympics
- March 14 Elevation Ski Week at Mammoth
- March 17 Oakley Week
- March 20 Village Championships
- March 21 HSTC Season Opener
- March 23 Youth Sports Funding Applications CLOSE
- March 23 Mammoth Nordic Festival
- March 23 5th Annual Mammoth Winter Biathlon
- March 24 Unbound Series - Rail Jam
- March 24 Mighty Mite World Championships
- March 25 Mammoth Gateway Project Five-Alarm Chili Cook-Off
- March 26 FIS World Criterium Masters
- April 13-15 2012 Mammoth Invitational