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CELEBRATE NATIONAL PARK AND RECREATION MONTH

Mammoth Lakes, CA – GET WILD and celebrate National Park and Recreation Month with the Town of Mammoth Lakes Recreation Department! Join us for a FREE Skate Day at the Mammoth Roller Rink on Saturday, July 14, 2012, experience the best of Mammoth in one of our many youth summer camps, and get wet and wild at the Whitmore Pool. Visit www.mammothrecreation.com, or call the Recreation Department office at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 for all July festivities.

America has celebrated July as the nation's official Park and Recreation Month for more than 25 years, and in 2009 the U.S. House of Representatives officially mandated July as Park and Recreation Month. As the obesity epidemic continues to rage, programs like Park and Recreation Month and the First Lady's "Let's Move!" campaign are energizing an American population to adopt healthy lifestyle choices.

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), created Park and Recreation Month to specifically promote the many benefits of local parks and recreation and celebrate the value they bring to their community. From programs that promote conservation and environmental sustainability, to educational programs that teach healthy habits to fun recreational activities, there's always something going on in Mammoth Lakes this July.

"This year's Park and Recreation Month theme from NRPA is GET WILD and Mammoth Lakes is excited to get the whole community wild with a variety of fun and exciting initiatives throughout the whole month," stated Stuart Brown, Town of Mammoth Lakes Recreation Manager. "We want our community to be healthy and active which is why Park and Recreation Month is such a great time – it gives everyone an opportunity to come out and experience the benefits of our parks and facilities."

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Mammoth Roller Rink

Get over to the Mammoth Roller Rink this Saturday, July 14, 2012 from 3:00 – 8:30 p.m. for FREE Skate Day. Experience Mammoth’s new recreation hotspot with FREE skating, FREE skate rental, hit the mini-ramps, play some roller hockey or just chill out playing table tennis/golf. Join us for a chance to win a Season Skate Pass, and bring a few dollars for food and drink specials.

Youth Summer Camps

Experience the best of Mammoth in one of our many youth summer camps:

- July 9-13: Wilderness Camp 1
- July 16-20: Challenger Sports British Soccer Camp
- July 16-20: Sports Camp
- July 20-22: Youth Gymnastics Camp with Michelle DeJong
- July 23-27: Next Level High Altitude Basketball Academy
- July 23-24: Youth Climbing Camp
- July 25-27: Grom Mania Skate Camp
- July 30-Aug. 3: UK International Soccer Camp
- July 30-Aug. 3: Wilderness Camp 2

New 2012 Summer Fees

For 2012, the Recreation Department has replaced resident and non-resident fees with “Early Bird” (EB) fees or “Regular” (Reg.) fees. Early Bird fees provide a 20% discount on camp programs if purchased 10-days in advance. This discount does not apply to the daily drop-in rate or facility rental fees. A \$5.00 family discount per child is also offered after the first family member has paid the EB or Reg. camp price.

Adult Softball

The Mammoth Lakes Adult Softball League is underway. The Men’s division plays every Monday and Wednesday, with Coed on Tuesday and Thursday at Shady Rest Park. Schedules are available online or at the Recreation Department office.

Register your team for the Men’s “D” Adult Softball Tournament on July 21-22, or the Coed Adult Softball Tournament on July 28-29. For information, please call the Tournament Director, Grover Swick at (760) 963-4902. Don’t miss the annual home-run and hitting-accuracy contests during the tournament.

Whitmore Pool

Get wet and wild at the Whitmore Pool! Recreational swimming is offered midweek from 1:00-3:30 p.m., and from 12:00-4:00 p.m. on weekends. Lap swimming is offered every midweek morning from 6:30 a.m., and on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 5:30 p.m. Swimming lessons are also scheduled Monday – through Friday at both 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Reservations are encouraged.

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Parks & Facilities

The Town of Mammoth Lakes Recreation Department manages and maintains several parks and facilities, identified below. Many of the facilities are available for short-term rental. Please contact the office for additional information or to reserve your family gathering or party today!

Multi-Use Facility/Mammoth Roller Rink: Now available for summer use, the facility includes lights, restrooms, parking and 17,000 sq. ft. (85'x200') of flat venue space. The facility is located at 416 Sierra Park Road adjacent to the Mammoth Lakes Library and opposite the Mammoth High School.

Community Center/Park and Public Tennis Courts: The Community Center includes a pocket-park; six tennis courts; NEW tennis backboard; play and picnic areas, and an inside meeting room, including kitchen, tables, chairs and restrooms. The Community Center is located at 1000 Forest Trail (Corner of Forest Trail and Minaret Road).

Mammoth Creek Park: Mammoth Creek Park is located on Old Mammoth Road, and is open (weather permitting) from spring through fall. The park offers large playground equipment, a play area designed for toddlers and school-age children, restrooms, parking, picnic tables, and access to Mammoth Creek.

Shady Rest Park: Shady Rest Park is located at the end of Sawmill Cutoff Road, approximately ½ mile from Main Street, and is open until November 1 (weather permitting). The park offers playground equipment, a sheltered picnic area, restrooms, picnic tables, sand volleyball courts, softball fields, soccer fields, a concession stand, pay phones, a parking area and a small "street scene" skate-park designed for all ability levels.

Trails End Park/Volcom Brothers Skate Park: Located on Meridian Blvd. approximately ¼ mile south of Main Street and is open until November 1 (weather permitting). The 40,000 square-foot Volcom Brothers Skateboard Park is open sunrise to sunset, with ample parking and seasonal restrooms. Please respect park closures and rules. The Town requires all users to wear helmets and pads and no person shall use the skating surface other than for proper use of a skateboard or in-line skates. Use of a bicycle on the skating surface is strictly prohibited.

Whitmore Ball Fields: The Whitmore Recreation Area is located 10 miles south of Mammoth, just off U.S. Hwy 395 on the Benton Crossing Road. Facilities include a regulation baseball diamond, two softball fields (one lighted), and restrooms. Whitmore is open until November 1 (weather permitting). Construction of the Mammoth Track has begun, so please contact the office for availability and scheduled use.

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Whitmore Pool: Located adjacent to the ball fields on Benton Crossing Road, the facility includes a six-lane 25-meter pool, children's wading pool, restrooms, hot showers, lawn area, shade structure and vending machines. The pool is open from approximately mid-May through early September and the facilities are available for private use by reservation. American Red Cross-certified personnel staff the pool.

Never have a slow day in Mammoth again...pick up your copy of the 2012 summer/fall Recreation Guide, or Mammoth Roller Rink brochure located in all certified racks throughout Town. All this and more can be found online at www.mammothrecreation.com, or call the Recreation Department office at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222.

Additional information about National Park and Recreation Month is available online at: www.nrpa.org/july.

The Recreation Department invites you to make it your best summer ever with us!

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The National Recreation and Park Association is a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing park, recreation and conservation efforts that enhance quality of life for all people. Through its network of 20,000 recreation and park professionals and citizens, NRPA encourages the promotion of healthy lifestyles, recreation initiatives, and conservation of natural and cultural resources. For more information, visit www.NRPA.org. For digital access to NRPA's flagship publication, *Parks & Recreation*, visit www.parksandrecreation.org.