

RECREATION THIS WEEK: August 22, 2012

Recreation Department News...

WHITMORE POOL CLOSES AUGUST 25

Get wet and wild at the Whitmore Pool before Recreational swimming ends this **Saturday, August 25, 2012**. Lap swimming will continue through Friday, September 7, 2012. Lap swim every midweek morning, and on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, (not offered 8/27/12). Admission fees are \$4.50 for adults, \$2.75 for seniors/military and youth, and only \$1.50 for children (1-6 yr. olds). Ask about our Five Swim Pass – every 6th swim is FREE. Call (760) 935-4222 for additional information.

REDEEM YOUR FREE SKATE PASS!

Skate at the Mammoth Roller Rink before **August 31, 2012** for FREE! Free Skate Passes were distributed to every Postal Patron in Mammoth Lakes in August. Simply present the ticket, complete the registration form and receive one (1) FREE Admission to the Mammoth Roller Rink. The offer excludes skate rental (\$2.50/person), has a limit of one per person and has some black-out dates. This is your chance to check-out Mammoth's new recreation hot-spot!

FRIDAY IS DISCO NIGHT AT THE MAMMOTH ROLLER RINK

Get your groove on at the Mammoth Roller Rink every **Friday night** from 6:00 – 8:30PM for DISCO NIGHT! Prizes will be handed out for best costume. Don't forget to bring a few dollars for food and drink specials. Experience Mammoth's new recreation hotspot with roller/inline skating, skate rental, hit the mini-ramps, play some roller hockey, or just chill out playing table tennis/golf. Buy a 5 Skate Pass and get the 6th skate for FREE! Challenge a friend to one of the new games offered at the Mammoth Roller Rink: corn hole or washer toss!

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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 over \$7,000 of gymnastic equipment. Three age sessions are available at the Community Center on Forest Trail.

- 3 yr. olds – Saturday: 8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
- 4-5 yr. olds – Saturday: 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 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. 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!

THE LAKES ARE BRIMMING WITH ALPERS TROPHY TROUT!

The following locations will be stocked with Alpers Trophy Trout from Conway Ranch courtesy of the **Bishop Chamber of Commerce** for the Labor Day holiday:

- Intake II
- South Lake
- Sabrina
- Bishop Creek

The following locations will be stocked with Alpers Trophy Trout from Conway Ranch courtesy of the **County of Inyo** for the Labor Day holiday:

- Tinnemaha Creek
- Taboose Creek
- Independence Creek

The following locations will be stocked with Alpers Trophy Trout from Conway Ranch courtesy of the **County of Mono** for the Labor Day holiday:

- Lower Twin Bridgeport
- Upper Twin Bridgeport
- Bridgeport Reservoir
- Convict Lake
- Grant Lake
- Gull Lake
- June Lake
- Silver Lake
- Lundy Lake
- Mammoth Lakes Basin - Mary, Mamie, George and Twin
- Rock Creek
- Rock Creek Lake
- Little Virginia
- Big Virginia
- West Walker River
- Robinson Creek

TRAVEL MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION – OBSERVATIONS INVITED

Forest Service crews and partners have now spent a few months this summer maintaining and repairing roads and motorized trails, placing signs and blocking unauthorized routes to implement the 2009 Inyo National Forest Travel Management Decision. After over five years of planning that lead to the 2009 Decision, the plan is being implemented on the ground. The words in documents and lines on maps are being turned into a sustainable network of roads and motorized trails that will serve public transportation and recreation needs for the long term. In 2012 and beyond, the Forest Service will continue focusing field crews on efforts that improve the condition of roads and trails, as well as on the protection and restoration of resources that the routes traverse.

As the public is seeing the decision taking shape on the ground, the Forest Service has received comments and observations – some in support of the infrastructure and resource improvements, and others concerned with loss of access or the methods used to implement the decision. In many cases this information has been helpful, and will be used to change and improve the motorized transportation system. “I really appreciate those who’ve taken the time to provide thoughtful and detailed suggestions for improving the motorized system on the Inyo National Forest, and welcome more specific observations from those who are interested,” stated Forest Supervisor Ed Armenta. “General statements or non-specific comments in blogs are not as helpful in leading to meaningful assessments of each issue,” he added.

The Forest Service is tracking observations from the public and from its own staff about inadvertent errors, or decisions that may be creating unnecessary impacts to Forest visitors or resources. Because of the vast array and intensity of work during the summer season, the Forest Service plans to assess these after the field season, with the hope of responding to or prioritizing proposed modifications during the winter season.

Possible responses could range from simple corrections (errata) to the Record of Decision if errors were based on incorrect data (for instance if there were typographical, mapping, or other minor errors that would not affect assumptions about effects in the decision) to entering into new planning efforts for specific routes to add or remove them from the system. “The vast majority of decisions made in the analysis were based on good information and valid rationale, so just because we evaluate concerns does not automatically mean that we will change something....it may already be a very solid determination,” said Armenta. “However, if it makes good sense do something different, we will.”

Observation Forms that can help focus comments and help the Forest Service to organize and assess them are available on the Inyo National Forest Website at www.fs.usda.gov/activity/inyo/recreation/ohv (see “quick links”). As always, the public should feel free to contact Forest Service staff. Specific contacts for Travel Management include:

- Marty Hornick, Trails Program Manager for the Inyo National Forest, 760-873-2461, mhornick@fs.fed.us, 351 Pacu Lane, Suite 200, Bishop, CA 93514
- Jon Kazmierski, Recreation Officer for the Mammoth and Mono Lake Ranger Districts, 760-924-5503, jkazmierski@fs.fed.us, PO Box 148, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
- Nick Ettema, OHV Leader for White Mountain and Mt. Whitney Ranger Districts, 760-876-6211, nettema@fs.fed.us, PO Box 8, Lone Pine, CA, 93545

You can also reach the Forest Service by going to the “contact us” link at the Inyo National Forest website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/inyo/>

TAKE YOUR GAME FARTHER AT THE 13TH ANNUAL MAMMOTH LAKES FOUNDATION GOLF CLASSIC

How far does your drive go at 8,000 feet? Find out at the 13th Annual Mammoth Lakes Foundation Golf Classic on Sunday, September 9, 2012 at Sierra Star Golf Course in Mammoth Lakes, the highest altitude golf course in California. By joining the Mammoth Lakes Foundation on the greens, you are helping with something the Foundation has been hard at work on for over 20 years – supporting higher education and cultural enrichment in the Eastern Sierra. The Golf Classic was begun in 2000 as a fun and important means of the Mammoth Lakes Foundation and its supporters to raise money for programs such as local student college scholarships to Cerro Coso; the operation of South Gateway Student Apartments; supporting Edison Theatre and Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre and its expanded season of productions; and planning and preparing for a proposed Mammoth Arts & Cultural Center.

Registration now open

Registration for the Golf Classic is just \$115 for individuals and \$460 for foursomes until August 31st. After August 31st individual registration is \$130 and foursome registration is \$520. All participants receive greens fees and cart, use of chipping and putting greens, lunch, tournament gift, silent auction, awards party, and the opportunity to support higher education and cultural enrichment in Mammoth. The tournament sold out last year – players are advised to register early.

The Mammoth Lakes Foundation also invites tournament sponsors for the event, tee sponsorships, and in-kind donations for the Raffle and Silent Auction. Call 760.934.3781 for details. Take your game farther – play in the 13th Annual Mammoth Lakes Foundation Golf Classic on Sept. 9! To register or learn more please call 760.934.3781 or email Maya@MammothLakesFoundation.org.

Upcoming & On-Going Events...

- On-going Whitmore Pool OPEN – closes 9/7/12
- On-going Mammoth Roller Rink OPEN – scheduled closing 9/2/12
- On-going: Men's & Coed Softball League
- OPEN Reds Meadow, Tioga, Sonora and the Lakes Basin
- Aug. 23 MUSD First Day of School
- Aug. 24 Village Championship Downhill Races
- Aug. 24-25 Mammoth Rocks – a Taste of the Sierra
- Aug. 25 Mammoth Mud Run
- Aug. 25 Wave Rave/Volcom 14th Annual Skateboard Competition
- Aug. 25 Last day for Recreational Swim at Whitmore Pool
- Aug. 31 Village Championship Downhill Races
- Sept. 1-3 43rd Annual Labor Day Festival of the Arts
- Sept. 1-3 Labor Day Tennis Tournament
- Sept. 1-2 Mammoth Bluegrass Festival
- Sept. 2 Ned's Mammoth Rock Race
- Sept. 4 Recreation Commission Meeting
- Sept. 7 Last day for Lap Swim at Whitmore Pool
- Sept. 7-9 Granite Man Challenge
- Sept. 8 Mammoth AYSO Opening Weekend
- Sept. 8 High Sierra Fall Century
- Sept. 9 13th Annual Mammoth Lakes Foundation Golf Classic