

### Recreation Department News...

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#### **STEERING COMMITTEE CONVENES TO DISCUSS THE POTENTIAL FORMATION OF A MAMMOTH LAKES RECREATION (MLR) ENTITY**

The Town Council appointed Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR) Steering Committee has scheduled a series of three facilitated workshops led by the Strategic Marketing Group regarding the potential formation of a Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR) entity. Information regarding the upcoming MLR process, including meeting dates (July 22, Aug. 5 & 19), agendas and reference documents can be viewed online at: <http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=533>.

“The facilitation of the MLR process is a natural extension of the Town’s desire to place a high priority on recreation as both a quality of life opportunity and an important economic development strategy,” stated Marianna Marysheva-Martinez, Town Manager.

On May 1, 2013 the Town of Mammoth Lakes Town Council approved the formation of the Mammoth Lakes Recreation Steering Committee to develop recommendations for the Town Council regarding the formation of a Mammoth Lakes Recreation entity.

The MLR Steering Committee is comprised of over 30 recreation stakeholders representing the Town of Mammoth Lakes (Town Council, Recreation/Planning Commission), County of Mono, Mono County Office of Education, Mammoth Unified School District, Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, the Inyo National Forest, Mammoth Lakes Tourism, Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce, Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation, Friends of the Inyo, Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association, Mammoth Lakes Foundation, Snowcreek Athletic Club, including representatives from local youth/adult sporting organizations.

In 2009, Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR) was a facilitated process designed to explore the opportunity for a separate entity to develop a recreation vision and strategy for the community of Mammoth Lakes. The process came to a halt in 2010, however, the effort to develop a vision and strategy was continued with the development and adoption in 2011 of RecStrats I & II.

“The Recreation Department is eager to participate in a public discussion with all local recreation user groups on how the Town can effectively and efficiently enhance recreation in Mammoth Lakes,” stated Stuart Brown, Recreation Manager for the Town of Mammoth Lakes. “The Town is supportive of a process that is about the community, is for the community, and has the best interest of the recreation community in mind.”

#### **5-Step Process**

A five step MLR process was recently drafted by members of the Town Council, the Recreation Commission and Town staff to retain a consultant to the process with the goal of collectively determining if there is a need for Mammoth Lakes Recreation at this time or how the current municipal recreation structure can be enhanced to fulfill the recreation needs of the community.

The goals of the MLR process are as follows:

1. To determine if there is a need for a MLR entity at this time or how the current municipal recreation structure can be enhanced to fulfill the recreation needs of the community.
2. To provide an opportunity for the MLR Steering Committee to assess the available information on the current marketplace and community needs and determine if a new entity is needed.
3. To assist participants in understanding a range of perspectives on this issue and to determine a common one.
4. To develop a recommendation to the Town Council - after several defined steps - to move ahead with the development of MLR or not.

The Strategic Marketing Group (SMG) has been retained by the Town to convene, document, and facilitate the MLR process, provide technical expertise and structural framework to the facilitation process, and finally, produce a report identifying recommendations for Town Council regarding the decision to either move forward with the formation of a MLR entity or not form an entity at this time. Council is expected to receive and comment on this report in September of this year.

Carl Ribaldo of the Strategic Marketing Group stated that "The project is designed to identify the changed environment and market factors that would facilitate the need for MLR – the fundamental question of why this is needed must be answered."

All meetings are scheduled to take place in Suite Z, Minaret Village Mall (437 Old Mammoth Road) between 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Meeting dates have been scheduled on the following days: July 22, 2013, August 5, 2013, and August 19, 2013. Public participation is encouraged and public comments will be received during the last 15 minutes of each session or as time allows. Comments regarding the sessions or MLR process are welcomed and can be sent to Stuart Brown at [sbrown@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us](mailto:sbrown@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us), or by calling (760) 934-8989 ext. 210.

### **RECREATION DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES ONLINE REGISTRATION**

In an effort to improve customer service and streamline operations, the Recreation Department – compliments of Measure R, has partnered with the Active Network to provide 24/7 web-based activity and facility reservations. To begin, visit us online at [www.mammothrecreation.com](http://www.mammothrecreation.com), click on the *Online Activity/Facility Reservations* tab and your first step is to "**Request Account.**" All you need is an email and password.

The system will allow you to register online for an activity, reserve a facility or request Measure R equipment...it's fast and easy! Please drop by the office or call us at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 if we can be of assistance to you.

### **13th ANNUAL CO-ED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT AND HITTING ACCURACY CONTEST - JULY 27-28**

Saturday and Sunday, July 27 - 28, Mammoth Recreation will be hosting a softball tournament at Shady Rest Park. USSSA 26, 27, and 28 oz. Easton Synergy bats will be provided by [mammothsoftball.com](http://mammothsoftball.com) for each field. Each team you face will be swinging the exact same sticks you are! Tournament is round robin or pool play with single elimination playoffs. \$350 per team. 4 games guaranteed! 3 homeruns per team, per game. "Pitcher's box" rule in effect for safety.

Team trophies for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place teams, MVP awards for 1st and 2nd place teams. \$Get your cash right back prize \$\$\$ to the winning team- buy what your team wants as a team prize, your choice!

\*Call, text, or email Grover @ (760) 963-4902 or [hardlinedrives@gmail.com](mailto:hardlinedrives@gmail.com) to reserve a spot.

\*Back by popular demand- Hitting Accuracy contest! \$10 to enter, great prizes to win!

ANYONE CAN ENTER THE CONTEST! Hope to see you there at the Hitting Accuracy Contest on Friday, July 26th!

The Mammoth Lakes Women's Club will be staffing the snack bar, so any food you buy will support a great cause!

### **NEW POST CAMP COOL DOWN!**

This summer the Recreation Department is adding a 2-hour after camp 'cool down' session at the Mammoth Roller Rink for only \$10/participant (3 person min.). Drinks and healthy snacks will be provided, along with supervised entertainment. This program is available for any parents needing additional supervision while at work. The 2-hour program is offered after every parks and recreation hosted program. Call for more information or reserve online!

### **2 FOR 1 SKATE RENTAL AT THE ROLLER RINK & MULTI-USE FACILITY**

To celebrate Park and Recreation Month in July, the Mammoth Roller Rink is offering 2 for 1 skate rental (value \$3.00). The offer expires on July 27, 2013 so grab a partner and come on down! The facility is located at 416 Sierra Park Road adjacent to the Mammoth Lakes Library and opposite Mammoth High School. New this year, the facility will operate from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. Thursday thru Saturday evening – under lights. Low admission fees for students (\$2.00 MUSD/MCOE) make it one of the most affordable recreation activities in Mammoth Lakes. For the 2013 summer season, adult and youth admission is only \$4.00 (Thursday/Friday), skate rentals are \$3.00 per session (4-hours), and kids 4 and under get in for free with a paid adult. This summer get your 6th Admission FREE with the Five FUN Pass (5FP). It's only \$30 for adults and \$20 for youth (5-15 yrs.) and every 6<sup>th</sup> visit is FREE!

Rent the Mammoth Roller Rink for your next party! All-inclusive birthday party packages are available from as low as \$75 per 10 children, and up to \$15 per child for your personal party coordinator, cake, pizza, drinks and skate rental.

The Mammoth Roller 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. Roller/inline skates, scooters, skate boards are allowed on the surface. Bikes are not allowed at any time. Helmets and appropriate safety equipment are recommended.

For the complete summer schedule, rates and special promotions visit [www.mammothrollerrink.com](http://www.mammothrollerrink.com), see our rack card in all Certified Racks located throughout Mammoth Lakes and along HWY 395, or call the Mammoth Roller Rink at (760) 934-2505, or Recreation Department office at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222.

### **PLAY DROP-IN STREET HOCKEY EVERY SUNDAY AT THE MAMMOTH ROLLER RINK**

The Recreation Department in partnership with members of the Ice Hockey League have scheduled Drop-in Street Hockey every Sunday night at the Mammoth Roller Rink from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The program will conclude on Sunday, August 24, 2013. Cost is only \$2/participant per session with the completion of a signed waiver by an adult (18+ yrs.) Please bring shoes and a stick. All adults and high school age teens welcome!

## **UK INTERNATIONAL SOCCER CAMP – JULY 29**

Professional British soccer coaches will coach the last UK Soccer camp for the summer beginning Monday, July 29, 2013. Coaches provide a safe, educational and FUN program for all. Full-day and Half-day options are available.

The program is offered to all players within the community and is split into the following age appropriate levels:

- Fun in the Sun (4-6 years): Fun, exciting games to build confidence and teach fundamentals.
- Skills 'N' Thrills (7-10 years): Technical development and skill building in a stimulating environment.
- Compete with your Feet (11-16 years): Challenging game related situations to enhance technical and tactical knowledge.

Each day includes individual footskills, small side games, coached scrimmages and a daily tournament. There is an awards ceremony at the end of the camp week for family members to come and watch the players receive their awards, as well as, the important World Cup Finals! Camp Fee includes: A UK International Soccer camp T- Shirt, player of the week awards, World Cup prizes and an individual evaluation certificate.

Participants are asked to bring cleats, shin guards, soccer ball, snacks and a water bottle. Full day campers will need to bring lunch every day. Full Day Campers receive a free UK Soccer ball.

Who: Ages 4-16 years

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (4-16 yrs) or 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (8-16 yrs.)

Where: Shady Rest Park Soccer Field #1

Cost: \$105 for weekly morning session / \$35 per day, or \$165 for weekly full-day session / \$45 per day

Family Discount: \$5 discount per player after first family member has paid regular camp price

## **GYMNASTICS/TUMBLING PROGRAM**

Classes resume July 30, 2013.

### **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](http://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!

## Recreation News, Events & Activities in Town...

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### **DOWNHILL VILLAGE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES | JULY 26**

Hosted by Mammoth Outdoor Sports, Mountain Bike races are every Friday at 5:30pm! Sign up on race day at the Adventure Center.

### **VILLAGEFEST | JULY 26-28**

Now a summer tradition dubbed "California's Highest Rib Cook-Off". The 10th Anniversary features a cooking competition, live music, craft displays and more.

### **WOOLLY'S SUMMER SATURDAYS | JULY 27**

Join Woolly for a bike ride, music, face-painting and a parade around the Adventure Center! A must-attend kids activity for all ages, 1-2pm!

### **CHILDREN'S FISHING FESTIVAL | JULY 27**

Kids can learn to fish and catch Alpers trout at the Snowcreek ponds! Includes a t-shirt and lots of prizes.

### **8/24 HOUR ENDURANCE MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE | JULY 27**

Global Biorhythm Event's 8/24 Hour Mountain Bike Race on a course boasting great flow with a true test of endurance and experience.

### **FIREFIIGHTERS CANOE RACES, BBQ & PICNIC | JULY 27-28**

Mammoth Lakes Fire Department's annual summer fundraiser! Canoe races and barbecue at Horseshoe Lake on Saturday, with a picnic, barbecue and games for all ages at Shady Rest Park on Sunday.

### **BLUESAPALOOZA | AUGUST 1-4**

Successfully celebrating its 18th year, Mammoth Festival of Beers and Bluesapalooza promises an energetic line-up of blues performers and a tasting from 70 of the best craft breweries in the country.

### **THE VILLAGE SUMMER MOVIE SERIES | AUGUST 1**

Bring your favorite blanket, grab a seat and watch a movie under the stars in the plaza. This week's feature film on Thursday is *Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part II* (PG-13) showtime at 8:20pm.

### **SUMMER OF STEWARDSHIP – AUGUST 3**

**TITLE:** Coldwater Trails and Mammoth Consolidated Mine Trail Day!  
**WHAT:** Join Mammoth Brewery and the Southern Mono Historical Society for trail work on the Coldwater Trails and the Mammoth Consolidated Mine site.  
**WHEN:** SATURDAY, August 3, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Meet at the parking lot at the very top of the Coldwater campgrounds for a free bagel breakfast, safety talk and work assignments. Free lunch and lots of giveaways will be hosted on site.  
**WHO:** Volunteers of all ages and abilities are welcome! Please dress for trail work: sturdy, close-toed shoes and long pants. Gloves and all tools provided.  
**CONTACT INFO:** Visit [mltpa.org](http://mltpa.org) or [friendsoftheinyo.org](http://friendsoftheinyo.org), Call (760) 873-6500 or (760) 934 3154 or E-MAIL: [drew@friendsoftheinyo.org](mailto:drew@friendsoftheinyo.org)

## Mammoth Lakes Area Trails Report – July 21, 2013

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Summer in the Lakes Basin is in full swing accompanied by an orchestra of booming thunderclaps and whispering pine breezes. With the great weather, flowers and warm days comes lots of fun. Just a gentle reminder that part of the fun is packing out what you've packed in. This week Friends of the Inyo's Lakes Basin Steward removed over ten pounds of trash from around just part of the Lake George shore. Help those behind you notice the blooms – such as brilliant orange tiger lilies and cottonball-like ranger's buttons – not the plastic bags.

This past weekend's third SOS day at the Mountain View Bike trail was a huge success! Over forty people showed up to improve the Mountain View trail, install new signs, and clean up the trails around the incomparable Minaret Vista. Jump on a bike (or bus) and take a ride up (then down) to check out what lots of hands can do before they enjoyed a free lunch and an avalanche of raffle prizes.

The Starkweather Lake trail starting at the Minaret Vista still has many flowers in bloom. Sixty-two different plant species were recorded in this 2.5-mile hike! This includes two types of monkey flower, purple larkspurs over 4 feet tall, and the parasitic orchid striped coral root. There is a crashed snowmobile in the trail less than .5 miles from the trailhead, but it is easy to navigate around.

Now that the trail to Valentine Lakes is completely melted out there are many misleading switchback cuts along the last mile to the trail. Friends of the Inyo restored many of these shortcuts, but please protect this trail by staying on the true path. Around wet areas look for the large, pink Lewis' Monkeyflower.

Two trail-blocking trees have been cut out from the Mammoth Crest trail, and in addition to epic vistas this trail boasts beauty right at your feet, too. Look for low-growing Brewer's Lupine, Woolly Sunflower, and Butterballs.

Interested in seeing a truly excellent high Sierra flower display? Head to the short trail between Duck and PikaLake on the Duck Pass trail. Flowers abound with yellow Soft Arnica, bright pink and red paintbrush, and even the late summer-bloomer, Sierra Gentian. A few fire rings have been cleaned up around the lakes and some trail maintenance has been completed to protect walkability through better water drainage.

As the summer burns on, Heart Lake moves beyond peak bloom, but many flowers, like fireweed and monk's hood, are just popping out. Thanks to members of the Inyo-Mono Advocates for Community Action Youth Conservation Corps out of Bishop who helped Friends of the Inyo recently maintain this well-loved path.

*This trail report is provided by Friends of the Inyo with support from the Town of Mammoth Lakes – Mammoth Lakes Trails System funding. The next opportunity to get out and give back to your public lands is next June 28 – July 1. Join Friends of the Inyo for a 4 day/3 night restoration project in the Northern Inyo Mountains. All meals and tools will be provided. Please contact Andrew Schurr to RSVP at [andrew@friendsoftheinyo.org](mailto:andrew@friendsoftheinyo.org) space is limited so please sign up soon!*