

## **RECREATION THIS WEEK: August 14, 2013**

### **Recreation Department News...**

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#### **SHOWBOAT YOUTHEATRE PERFORMANCES: SURF'S UP! AND AQUANET: AUG. 16**

The Recreation Department and Showboat Youtheatre are back with more great summer shows. Don't miss the opportunity to see these wonderful performances by our local youth. Scheduled for Friday, August 16 and Saturday the 17th, these shows are guaranteed to be fun for the whole family. Ann Monahan of Showboat Youtheatre has been working with our youth for over 20 years and will provide what will surely be a first rate show. This year youth ages 4 to 10 years old will be performing "Surf's Up!", and youth age 11 to 15 will be performing "Aquanet" - a family appropriate adaptation of Hairspray. Each cast has over 15 youth singing and dancing to some of your favorite tunes so be sure to mark your calendars for these two days of quality theatre. Admission is \$5 for each performance, and all shows will be taking place at the Mammoth Lakes Arts Center, at 549 Old Mammoth Road in the Sherwin Plaza. Friday's feature will be Surf's Up!, which will start at 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday there will be one showing Aquanet at 7 p.m. For more information please Mammoth Recreation at 934-8989 x222.

#### **YOUTH ROCK CLIMBING CAMP – FINAL SESSION: AUG. 19-20**

The SRCS (Sierra Rock Climbing School) youth climbing camp is a unique and special opportunity for young people to learn about rock climbing from expert professional rock-climbing guides, in a safe as possible and non-competitive atmosphere. Our youth rock climbing camps are for beginner through advanced climbers. The focus of the camps will be on having fun and climbing safely; nevertheless, participants will learn valuable technical climbing techniques. The experience of climbing with others will also help participants develop valuable skills in group dynamics, leadership, team building and interpersonal communications. SRCS is proud, as well as excited to be offering these climbing camps through Mammoth Lakes Recreation. Our guides look forward to meeting you and getting to know all of you. Camps will run on Mondays and Tuesdays throughout the summer from 9a.m. - 4p.m. Last session is August 19-20. Cost is \$155.

#### **SKATE CAMP – WAVERAVE KONCRETE COMMANDOS: AUG. 21-23**

This three-day camp, designed for all abilities, will meet daily at Volcom Brothers Skate Park. In addition to a heavy emphasis on skateboarding and skill development the camp will also go swimming, play fun games, and eat out. Camp is open to kids ages 6-13 and goes from 9-4 p.m. Cost is \$105/session. Final session: August 21-23. Recreation staff highly recommends this camp as a warm-up to the annual WAVERAVE contest held at Volcom Brothers skate park on Saturday, August 24, 2013.

#### **GYMNASTICS/TUMBLING PROGRAM IS BACK!**

Classes resumed on July 30, 2013.

#### **STEERING COMMITTEE CONVENES ON AUGUST 19 TO DISCUSS THE POTENTIAL FORMATION OF A MAMMOTH LAKES RECREATION (MLR) ENTITY**

The Town Council appointed Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR) Steering Committee will meet for the final time on Monday, August 19, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. in Suite Z. The facilitated workshops are led by the Strategic Marketing Group regarding the potential formation of a Mammoth Lakes Recreation (MLR) entity. Information

regarding the upcoming MLR process, agendas and reference documents can be viewed online at: <http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=533>.

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.

### **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!

### **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!

### **NOTIFY ME!**

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

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#### **MAMMOTH FESTIVAL – AUG. 15-18**

*Annual celebration of wine and live music, featuring Chris Isaak and Brandi Carlile!*

THURSDAY: Join us at one of our Winemaker Dinners for an unforgettable culinary experience. Take the Scenic Gondola up to the Parallax Restaurant for five gourmet courses, select vintages from Ridge Vineyards, and a mountain sunset that will take your breath away. Or enjoy a more intimate experience at the famous Lakefront Restaurant at Tamarack lodge. Gorgeous lakeside views, rustic charm, a six course meal, and exceptional paired wines from David Bruce Winery await your pleasure. If you love French cuisine and wine,

then you won't want to miss Chef Frederic Pierrel and Maison Louis Roederer's five course "Tour de France" of wine tasting at Mammoth's newest hotspot for fine dining and entertainment, Underground Lounge.

FRIDAY: Stroll the Village at Mammoth sampling wines and enjoying live music with Zoux during the Wine Walk in The Village presented by the Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation. 6 to 9pm.

SATURDAY: Celebrate wine, music and the outdoors in a stunning Sierra setting. Sample the wares of over 40 top wineries at the Grand Tasting while you enjoy live music from a variety of regional and national acts, browse local arts and crafts and explore tasty offerings from the region's best restaurants. 12 to 6pm (Wine Tasting 1 to 5pm). As dusk settles over the Sierra peaks get ready for live performances featuring Chris Isaak, Brandi Carlile, Lisa Loeb and more in an unforgettable location. 6 to 9pm.

SUNDAY: Wake up to a gourmet meal and live music with the Champagne Brunch at Campo Mammoth featuring champagne from Wilson Creek Winery & Vineyard. Seatings: 11am (9am Sold Out)

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.mammothmountain.com/ResortActivities/SpecialEvents/MammothFestival/>

### **SUMMER OF STEWARDSHIP: TRAIL DAYS 2013 EVENT – AUG. 17**

“Hot Creek Geologic Site: Trail Clean Up and Site Restoration”

WHAT: Join the Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association (ESIA) and Mountain Air Sports of Santa Barbara for trail work and restoration of the Hot Creek geological site.

WHEN: Saturday, August 17, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Meet at the Hot Creek Trailhead 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. Bring your sun hats and dress for the heat – they call it Hot Creek for a reason! 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
- E-MAIL: [drew@friendsoftheinyo.org](mailto:drew@friendsoftheinyo.org)
- Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association; Mountain Air Sports

### **BLM AND INYO NATIONAL FOREST RELEASE DECISIONS FOR THE CD-IV GEOTHERMAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

The Bureau of Land Management’s Bishop Field Office and the U.S. Forest Service, Inyo National Forest, today signed the Records of Decision approving a new 40-megawatt geothermal project near Mammoth Lakes in Mono County.

Under the terms of the Records of Decision for the Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report, the Casa Diablo IV Geothermal Development Project will be built on lands administered by the Inyo National Forest and on private lands within four existing federal geothermal leases. The project will include

construction of a new geothermal power plant, up to 16 new production and injection wells, multiple pipelines and an electric transmission line.

Ormat Nevada Inc. will develop the project on public and private land, and the project will generate more than 180 construction jobs. When completed, the project would produce enough energy to power 36,000 homes.

BLM's review of the project began with scoping meetings in 2011, and no changes were made to the Final EIS/EIR released in July 2013. The document was jointly prepared by the BLM, Inyo National Forest, and Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District, in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The cooperating agencies identified Alternative 3, the Modified Pipeline Alternative, as the "Agency Preferred" alternative in the final environmental document because of its reduced environmental impacts relative to the applicant's original proposed action.

The agencies will issue separate decisions, as described in the Final EIS/EIR. The Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District is expected to adopt a resolution certifying the Final EIR later this summer.

"In approving the Casa Diablo geothermal project, BLM is helping advance California's goal of the state generating one-third of its electricity from renewable sources by 2020, and to bring desirable jobs to the Eastern Sierra region," said BLM Bishop Field Office Manager Steve Nelson.

Inyo National Forest Supervisor Ed Armenta said, "Release of the Record of Decision for the Casa Diablo project is the culmination of an outstanding cooperative interagency effort that involved extensive public involvement and participation."

Electronic copies of the BLM and Inyo National Forest decisions for the CD-IV Project are available on the internet at [www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/bishop/casadiabloIV.html](http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/bishop/casadiabloIV.html) and [www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=35652](http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php/?project=35652). CD-ROM versions or hard copies may be obtained by visiting or contacting the BLM Bishop Field Office or the Inyo National Forest at 351 Pacu Lane, Bishop, CA 93514. Copies will also be available at the Mono County Library at 400 Sierra Park Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546.

For more information or to get a copy of the BLM document, contact Collin Reinhardt at (760) 872-5024 or email [creinhardt@blm.gov](mailto:creinhardt@blm.gov). For more information or to get a copy of the Inyo Nation Forest document, contact Sarah Tomskey at (760) 647-3033 or email [sarahtomskey@fs.fed.us](mailto:sarahtomskey@fs.fed.us).

### **PLAN FOR DELAYS ON ROAD TO REDS MEADOW AND DEVILS POSTPILE**

The Inyo National Forest announces that travelers should plan for delays of up to twenty minutes on the road between Minaret Vista and Agnew Meadows, beginning on August 7, 2013. Delays should only affect this portion of the Reds Meadow Road.

Inyo National Forest is completing clean-up efforts in Agnew Meadows Campground and Agnew Group Campground resulting from the November 2011 wind event that caused wide-spread tree blow-downs. There may be traffic delays while logs are being removed from the valley. It is expected there will be up to four loads per day being removed during a two week period. If you have questions, please contact project leader Scott Kusumoto at 760-924-5522 or [skusumoto@fs.fed.us](mailto:skusumoto@fs.fed.us)

## **MAMMOTH MUD RUN RETURNS AUGUST 24**

California's highest Mud Run celebrates its third annual race as bigger, better, and muddier than years past. Participants can expect to have their endurance and strength tested in this one-of-a-kind 5k Mud Run packed with 18 manmade and natural obstacles, including snowmaking guns, airbags, and more. New this year, participants will enjoy a new course layout starting at Canyon Lodge. Runners will race through a number of obstacles up the ski slopes covered in mud, through The Village at Mammoth, then ride up the Village Gondola to the finish line at Canyon. After the race, the celebration continues at Canyon Lodge with music by DJ Kane and Echo Love Chamber, food, prizes, and fun for everyone.

Costumes are encouraged and rewarded for individuals and teams of four, and a kid-friendly course with obstacles has been created for runners ages 5-12 who will be awarded a medal at the finish line.

Entries are now open for individuals and teams, but participants are encouraged to sign-up soon for the best price and ensure their spot as space is filling up fast. Register at [www.mammothmountain.com/MudRun](http://www.mammothmountain.com/MudRun) before August 18 and get your free event tshirt. Mud Runs are all about having fun and getting muddy so grab your friends and save 15% off your team entry.

### **Friday, August 23**

5-8pm Packet pick up in The Village at Mammoth

### **Saturday, August 24**

7-8am Costume Contest Sign-up at Canyon Lodge  
7-9am On-Site Registration/ Packet pick up at Canyon Lodge  
7:30-8:30am Stretching/warm up sessions  
8:30am Costume Contest  
9am Mammoth Mud Run 5k Start  
11am Awards Ceremony (adults only)  
12pm Mini Mammoth Mud Run 1K Start

\*Schedule subject to change. Visit [mammothmountain.com/mudrun](http://mammothmountain.com/mudrun) for the latest.

### **Mammoth Rocks – A Taste of the Sierra**

Mammoth Rocks is an evening of live music and includes the best food "tastings" from across the Eastern Sierra. This event takes place in The Village at Mammoth on Friday and Saturday evenings and is FREE to the public.

Friday Line-Up: Core Shots, The Stone Foxes, Nervous Wreckords, Gram Rabbit

Saturday Line-Up: Stratusfunk, Berel Alexander, Deadly Birds, Ease Up, Jet West, Delta Nova, Jelly Bread

More info available at: <http://www.mammothrocks.net/#!gigs/clbf>

## Mammoth Lakes Area Trails Report – August 13

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Careful observation reveals hints of Fall all around the Mammoth Lakes area. Splotches of red and gold – often times just a few leaves on a single limb – dot quacking aspen groves and monarch butterflies can be seen heading south.

Despite these harbingers of Summer's winding down, there's still lots of Summer color out there. You just have to head up a little higher or look closer to find it. As we mentioned last week, flowers are still abundant up around Emerald Lake. For a wonderfully fragrant display of later season flowers, take a stroll up the newly refurbished Panorama Dome trail. Yellow mounds of rabbitbrush and goldenbush (smelly, sticky leaves) punctuate these sagebrush slopes, and in calm weather should be covered with butterflies, bees and beetles.

After enjoying the view from Panorama Dome, take some time to re-discover the interpretive displays and rollercoaster boardwalk at the Mammoth City Interpretive Site along Old Mammoth Road. The old boardwalk is rather rickety so be careful, but it is now free of trees thanks to a tip from a local who alerted us the trail was unwalkable and the hard work of our Lakes Basin Steward. The mix of open slopes, aspen groves and towering lodgepole pines surrounding this historic township are a great place to sit quietly and watch for deer and forest-dwelling birds, such as the Red Crossbill, Mountain Chickadee and any of the three species of diminutive nuthatches.

Been up on the Mammoth Crest lately? Well, either way, now that the smoke has cleared, this ridge at the top of the Sierra makes a great destination. Follow the popular Crystal Lake Trail up for one switchbacking mile till the junction to Crystal Lake (the main destination for most folks) and continue right up the trail to the Crest at 10,400'.

Another great trail that doesn't see as much use as many of the others in the Basin is the Twin Lakes to Hole in the Wall trail. Starting at a well signed, rock delineated trailhead in the back of the Twin Lakes Campground, this trail was extensively rehabilitated about five years ago. Massive red firs provide great posts to lean on as you catch your breath climbing up and out of the campground toward grand views near the Hole in the Wall and Dragon's Back trail junctions.

*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!*