

## **RECREATION THIS WEEK: August 21, 2013**

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

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#### **TOWN ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE PLAY-OFF'S BEGIN!**

The Mammoth Lakes Adult Softball Playoffs begin at Shady Rest Park. The Men's Playoff games begin the week of August 26, 2013 and the final night of Coed play is Tuesday, September 3, 2013. Join us to celebrate a great season with team awards and a BBQ. Grab a hotdog and cheer on your favorite team! Special priced fan and spectator appreciation dinners will be available for \$1 on Wednesday and Thursday nights – players free.

#### **MAMMOTH ROLLER RINK CLOSSES AUGUST 31**

Bring a friend or family member to the Mammoth Roller Rink before we close on Saturday, August 31 and get 2 for 1 on skate rental (value \$3.00). The facility is located at 416 Sierra Park Road adjacent to the Mammoth Lakes Library and opposite Mammoth High School. The facility operates 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!

#### **WHITMORE POOL CLOSSES FOR LAP SWIM SEPT. 6**

Lap swimming will continue through Friday, September 6, 2013. Lap swim is offered every midweek morning, and on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Admission fees are \$4.50 for adults, \$2.75 for seniors/military and youth, and only \$1.50 for children (1-6 yr. olds). Call (760) 935-4222 for additional information.

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

This year-round program is designed to introduce children from 3-18 years old the wonderful and exciting sport of gymnastics. 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!

#### **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.

### **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 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 t-shirt. 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>

### **MAMMOTH KAMIKAZE BIKE GAMES – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Calling all recreation enthusiasts: please help Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation at the upcoming Kamikaze Bike Games and Fall Century/Gran Fondo September 4-8! Volunteers working at least 6 hours during the event receive a t-shirt, free meal and a voucher for a discounted Mammoth Mountain lift ticket. Sign up here: <http://www.kamikazebikegames.com/volunteers.html> OR email [stacy@mammothfoundation.org](mailto:stacy@mammothfoundation.org) for more information.

### **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 and working through the end of August. 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).

### **14TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC - SUPPORTING HIGHER EDUCATION AND CULTURAL ENRICHMENT IN MAMMOTH LAKES**

*Your participation helps us keep College in Mammoth vibrant and alive!*

Play at beautiful Sierra Star Golf Course in the 14th Annual Mammoth Lakes Foundation Golf Classic on Sunday, **September 8, 2013**, and your support makes the dream of college come alive for scores of our youth through scholarships to Cerro Coso Community College. We rolled back the player **registration fee to \$99** through August 31st. Play and meet some of the people you are helping.

### **Registration Fees & Sponsorship Opportunities**

**Early-bird - Register by August 31st:** Individual: **\$99** / Foursome: **\$396**

**After August 31:** Individual: **\$125** / Foursome: **\$500**

Call 760-934-3781 now to Register!

## Mammoth Lakes Area Trails Report – August 20

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Thanks to everyone who came out to the Summer of Stewardship Trail day at the Hot Creek Geologic Site this past Saturday! Special thanks to Boy Scout Troop 700 and their parents who were able to come and help out improving this place. With over 50 participants, we were able to maintain 300' of fence, removed an old kiosk, maintained and cleared 2,640' of pathway, painted and fixed 3 picnic tables and one kiosk, restored 300' of redundant trails, and removed 35 lbs. of trash. This heavily visited area definitely needed the attention and help everyone was able to give, and the place now feels much more inviting.

The Mammoth Lakes Basin, headwaters to Hot Creek, is a popular destination for all types of outdoor recreation. Perhaps you have seen one of the many large cross-country teams present at this time of the season? It seems like some of their preferred training locations are the Duck Pass Trail and on the Crystal Lake Trail. These trails are some of the most popular trails in the Lakes Basin, and for good reason. Both provide some of the most scenic Sierra vistas and access some of our favorite lakes. Since these trails are so well loved, you will often see a FOI Lakes Basin Steward out for a walk to answer questions and to do basic trail maintenance. Although it may be tempting to cut the switchbacks on these trails when racing your friends, family or teammates back to the parking lot, please remember that it takes work to fix these shortcuts and they can be detrimental to the integrity of the trail.

As we noted last week, if you're looking for something a little longer and more strenuous consider hiking beyond **Crystal Lake** to the **Mammoth Crest**. Here you will be rewarded with a bird's eye view of **Crystal Crag** and you may even notice some lakes below that you never knew were there. Once at the crest, take a minute to observe the topography up there. It is easy to be standing on either side of the Sierra Nevada Mountains at the same time. Falling raindrops separated by only a few feet could end up in the San Joaquin River or down in Crystal Lake and into the Owens River.

A short drive from the Town of Mammoth Lakes on Sherwin Creek Road will get you to a trailhead for Valentine Lake. Two trail options are available if Valentine Lake is the destination. The **Sherwin Lakes Trail** and the **Valentine Lake Trail** become one 2.7 miles before Valentine. Since these two trailheads are a 10-minute drive outside of town down Sherwin Creek Road, they are not as heavily used as the others that have been mentioned above. If you are looking for a great hike, don't let the commute stop you. A fallen tree on the Valentine Lake Trail has now been removed and some overgrown tree limbs cut back. Take notice of the changes in tree species along the way. See how many you can identify!

One more reminder to be aware of is that Eastern Sierra wildlife is very active this time of year. If you are going into the backcountry, for the sake of your cars appearance and the health and safety of the bears, please do not leave food in your car. There are bear lockers at almost all Lakes Basin Trailheads. Duck Pass and Emerald Lake share one located at the Emerald Lake Trailhead. Bears are not the only things running around the Eastern Sierra right now. Three fawns still with spots have been seen throughout the Mammoth Lakes region as well.

*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!*