

RECREATION THIS WEEK: September 4, 2013

Recreation Department News...

TOWN ADULT COED SOFTBALL LEAGUE PLAY-OFFS WRAP UP THURSDAY!

The Mammoth Lakes Adult Coed Softball Playoffs conclude at Shady Rest Park this week. The final night of Coed play is Thursday, September 5, 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.

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, 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.

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Recreation News, Events & Activities in Town...

SATURDAY IS OPENING DAY FOR MAMMOTH AYSO SOCCER

The soccer season for 530 local youth begins this Saturday, September 7, 2013 at Shady Rest Park and at the new Whitmore Track and Sports Field with the commencement of the Mammoth AYSO soccer season. Please visit www.mammothayso.com for the game schedules or for more information about the largest youth sports organization in Mono County.

Need Soccer Stuff?

Parents still looking for player's equipment can shop at Footloose Sports, Mammoth Outdoor Sports and Value Sports who all have soccer equipment available for sale. All players are required to wear shin guards and appropriate footwear when playing soccer.

For additional information about Mammoth AYSO or to register yourself as a volunteer parent, coach or referee please call (760) 709-6756, email: Mammothayso@gmail.com or visit www.Mammothayso.com. Everybody likes to win, but developing successful players and people is what's fundamental in AYSO!

SONY PARTNERS WITH MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN FOR THE 2013 MAMMOTH KAMIKAZE BIKE GAMES

Mammoth Mountain and the Kamikaze Bike Games (KBG) are proud to announce that Sony Electronics will be the presenting sponsor for the inaugural biking event taking place September 4-8, 2013. **Sony** continues to make its mark in the action sports industry by featuring their Action Cam line of mountable POV video cameras at the Kamikaze Bike Games.

Sony's presence on the mountain will include multiple touch points including demonstrations of Action Cam, consumer promotions, race integration and opportunities for attendees and riders to test out the HD video camera on the trails. A crew will also be on hand to produce a documentary compiled from user footage collected throughout the event. In addition, Sony will be kicking things off as Title Sponsor for the "*Legends of the Kamikaze Party*" on Thursday, September 5.

"Action Cam is the only mountable POV camera with Sony's legendary video quality." said Hidenori Toyoda, director of the camcorder business at Sony Electronics. "And thanks to the Mammoth Kamikaze Bike Games, we have the perfect platform for these skilled athletes to show what this tiny but powerful Action Cam is capable of."

Joani Lynch, Mammoth Mountain's Communications Director, is also excited about the sponsorship, "Partnering with an innovative brand like Sony is a perfect fit for this historic event and we couldn't be more pleased that they've decided to feature the Action Cam during the bike games. Not to mention our beautiful Eastern Sierra backdrop will give users plenty of great shots to choose from."

The **Kamikaze Bike Games** is a five-day multi-disciplined bike event that includes mountain bike racing for all ability levels, top-ranked road rides, kids races, a manufacturers' expo as well as music, food, and festivities, making it the big mountain bike bash of the year. Mammoth holds a special place in mountain bike history for

hosting the first lift-accessed downhill race in the world. In 1985, the Kamikaze established the Eastern Sierra as one of the first mountain biking Meccas in the world.

Races: September 4-8, 2013

- The Kamikaze
- “The Bullet” PRO GRT/USGP Downhill
- Enduro
- MTB Gran Fondo
- Cross Country
- Dual Slalom
- Airbag
- Mammoth High Sierra Fall Century and Gran Fondo
- Legends of the Kamikaze
- Kids Races

A complete list of the schedule can be found at: <http://www.kamikazebikegames.com/schedules.html>

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES IN PLACE ON CANYON BLVD, MAIN STREET AND US HWY 395 SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7.

Mammoth Lakes is gearing up for a major road cycling event on Saturday, September 7, 2013: The Mammoth High Sierra Fall Century and Gran Fondo. There are significant changes to this popular annual road ride, starting with the location and number of participants. Organizers expect over 800 cyclists to take off from the new start/finish line on Canyon Boulevard, near The Village at Mammoth.

From 4:00 a.m. to midnight, Canyon Blvd will be closed between Lake Mary Road and Hillside Drive. From 7:00 to 8:00 a.m., there will be a rolling closure along Main Street and northbound US HWY 395 on and off ramps. The signals at Canyon Boulevard, Lake Mary Road/Minaret Road, and Old Mammoth Roads will be flashing red. At 7:30am riders will be escorted down SR 203 to US HWY 395 at 20 mph with a CHP vehicle leading the neutralized start. At the rear of the group one Mammoth Lakes Police Department vehicle will follow the cyclist group. A rolling closure of the 19 cross streets and driveway entrances onto SR 203/Main Street will be in place, using barricades, CERT volunteers and Mammoth Mountain Ski Area employees.

Riders will continue to the junction of US HWY 395, where they pass under the highway and use the on-ramp to ride north on US HWY 395. Northbound ramps at SR 203 and US HWY 395 intersection will be closed. Traffic will be diverted north and directed to make a U-Turn. Traffic will then be directed south on US HWY 395 to enter SR 203 from the southbound ramp. Detour signs will be in place. (This is the same protocol as the 4th July Fireworks traffic plan.)

Riders proceed north on US HWY 395, turning right at Highway 120 ride eastwards to Benton Crossing Road where they turn right and ride to US HWY 395. Riders go north on US HWY 395 to The Old Highway, turn right and then merge onto SR 203, riding up Main Street and then Lake Mary Road to the finish on Canyon Boulevard.

Traffic control efforts and CHP/MLPD/Town of Mammoth Lakes staff time for the Fall Century is paid for by event organizers – compliments of Measure U funds.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to cheer riders as they head out of town in the morning and during the early afternoon as they make their way up SR 203/Main Street back to The Village at Mammoth.

For more information, please visit www.fallcentury.org.

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 for more information.

SINGLETRACK HIGH

At the age of 16, many American kids trade in two wheels for four. Trusty steeds that once gave them freedom to explore on weekends now collect dust in the garage. For a growing number of high school students in Northern California, however, two wheels don't get dusty, they get dirty. Their lives continue to revolve around weekend rides, but now those rides have a finish line. These are the student athletes of the NorCal High School Cycling League. This is Singletrack High. Meet the film makers and learn more about high school cycling in California and efforts to start a team in Mammoth. Watch the film this **Thursday, September 5, 2013 from 7:30pm in The Village Plaza**. This is a Free showing (donations accepted) and family friendly.

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 – September 3

Labor Day weekend has come and gone now and left a hint of fall in the air. The days are getting shorter and the air is getting colder. Smoke from the Rim Fire blew into the Mammoth area this past Friday, but that was short-lived, and the area is currently clear.

With the busy holiday weekend, the Mammoth Lakes Basin was crowded, although less so than previous years due to the closure of the Tioga Pass road. Busy crowds can be difficult to avoid on holiday weekends like Labor Day weekend, when every parking lot is full. However, to avoid the crowds, all you have to do is walk just a little further and keep your eyes open. There are a lot of trails that you can enjoy in the Lakes Basin, and on every trail there are always plenty of hiding spots for wildlife.

A downed tree, a cluster of Willow or Mule's Ears can all provide a great spot for many animals to lie down in and completely disappear. Now don't go looking for the wildlife out there because you will never find them, but if a spotted fawn jumps out from behind a downed tree, don't be startled and please do not approach the animals. Any action that leads these animals to become accustomed to people is detrimental to their quality of life and could lead to another unwanted fate. Instead, stand as quiet as you can and just observe the grace and beauty of the creature. The way a fawn looks around to see it is safe and the way they walk around is beautiful. It is not too often you can look the animal right in the eye and watch it calmly walk away.

There is a lot of beauty that can be seen with only a short walk in the Mammoth area. McLeod Lake is definitely the best bang for the buck in the Lakes Basin, with only a half-mile walk from the trailhead at Horseshoe Lake parking lot. If you can venture out a little bit further another beauty awaits, in Sky Meadows. Lying at the end of the maintained Emerald Lake trail, out of the Coldwater trailhead parking area, Sky Meadow is only a 2 mile walk one way and is one of the most rewarding hikes around, as a child visitor put it, "it was a 5!" (out of 5).

While you are out enjoying your day on the trail please remember that bears are very active this time of the year. There was a recent break in by a bear interested in some trash in a vehicle at the Duck Pass trailhead. Every one should properly store all scented and/or food items outside of their vehicle in the bear lockers. Bear lockers in the Mammoth Lakes Basin are located at every campsite, as well as the Emerald Lake trailhead, and the Lake George parking lot. Please do not put any trash into the bear lockers, as they are meant for temporary food storage only. If there is no bear locker available, please ensure that your vehicle is free of food and scented items for the safety of your car and the bears, before departing onto the trail for a hike, even if it's just for the day.

*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 **September 21st** – Coastal Cleanup Day in the Lakes Basin. Join the Inyo National Forest, MLTPA and Friends of the Inyo for the fifth 2013 Summer of Stewardship project working to improve and maintain these popular trails. For more info contact Drew Foster at drew@friendsoftheinyo.org.*