

## RECREATION THIS WEEK: July 9, 2014

### Recreation Department News...

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#### **RECREATION DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH**

Since 1985, America has celebrated July as the nation's official Parks and Recreation Month. This year's theme, "OUT is IN," encourages individuals, families, friends and coworkers to do something outside everyday that they would normally do inside. This July, The Town of Mammoth Lakes Recreation Department and the National Recreation and Park Association are challenging everyone to get out and visit the wide range of parks, trails, open space, sports fields, swimming pools, tennis courts, facilities and programs provided by the Town during national Park and Recreation Month. On July 2, 2014 Town Council proclaimed July as Parks Make Life Better! Month and in doing so, urged all its citizens to use and enjoy its parks, trails, open space, facilities, and recreation opportunities. Look for special promotions and events this month offered by the Recreation Department. Celebrate this July by participating in our many signature youth camps and adult programs, and look for special promotions this month including 2 for 1 youth skate rental at the Mammoth RecZone, 5 Fun Pass (6th Lesson/visit FREE), and a Whitmore Pool 10-ride punch pass for only \$10.

#### **TENNIS LESSONS EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY AFTERNOON**

The Town is thrilled to be able to provide tennis lessons and camps this summer at the Community Courts. Kyle Osland - former Head Coach at the Nick Bollettieri IMG Tennis Academy and Varsity Husky Tennis Coach is our new Tennis Pro. Kyle will be offering group sessions every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon for Tiny Tots, juniors and adults with 3 tennis camps scheduled this summer. Lessons commence on July 8 and conclude on September 11, 2014. Kyle is also available for private lessons. For additional information or to schedule a private with the pro, please email Kyle or call (619) 200-2150.

#### **Drop-in Tennis Sessions:**

##### **Tiny Tots Tennis**

Who: Ages 4-6  
Time: 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.  
When: Tuesday & Thursday  
Dates: July 8 – Sept. 11  
Cost: \$10 per session

##### **Junior Tennis Pros**

Who: Ages 7-12  
Time: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
When: Tuesday & Thursday  
Dates: July 8 – Sept. 11  
Cost: \$10 per session

##### **Adult Drill Clinic**

Who: Int./Adv.  
Time: 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
When: Tuesday & Thursday  
Dates: July 8 – Sept. 11  
Cost: \$10 per session

**FIVE PUNCH CARD:** Buy a 5 lesson punch card for only \$50 and get the 6th lesson FREE!

#### **MOUNTAIN PAR COURSE AND PEAK BAGGING EXCURSION – JULY 11**

All ages can now join the Mountain PAR course program! Participants will hike on trail and cross-country exercise courses using natural features to perform body weight resistance exercises for general health and fitness in preparation to bag a local peak. We'll also learn about and practice Leave No Trace principles. Each session will be 2-3 hours and meet at 9 a.m. On Tuesdays we'll meet at the Mammoth roller rink, Fridays at the Hilton Creek Trailhead. Wear durable hiking boots or equivalent shoes, shorts, day pack, water, sun block, hat, sunglasses, windbreaker, snacks. (optional: lightweight long pants for cross country travel)



Times/Dates: 9:00 a.m. meet (Tuesdays at Mammoth RecZone, Fridays at Hilton Creek Trailhead)

- Friday, July 11, 15 and Friday, July 18

Peak bagging day info: Tuesday July 22, Mt Starr from Mosquito Flat trail head in the Rock Creek Drainage. This is a full day with times to be announced. We will eat lunch on the summit. Led by Mammoth Lakes Parks and Recreation Instructor Dave Titus: Mountaineer, Youth Sports Coach and Certified Leave No Trace Trainer. Space is limited, register online. FREE for ages 12-18.

### **NEXT LEVEL BASKETBALL ACADEMY - JULY 12/19 & 26**

Want to take your basketball game to the next level? Coach William Bauman will lead the academy for 8 - 10 year olds and 11-14 year olds who seek to gain greater skills and understanding of the game. This camp meets at Mammoth Middle School with two age group sessions available on July 12, 19, and 26. Register online at [www.mammothrecreation.com](http://www.mammothrecreation.com)

- Ages 8 - 10 meet from 9:00am - 10:30am, fee/\$35.
- Ages 11 - 14 meet from 11:00am - 1:00pm, fee\$/40.

### **REGISTER FOR CHALLENGER SPORTS SOCCER CAMPS – JULY 14**

The Mammoth Lakes British Soccer Camp is almost 7-weeks away. This means you have 7-days to register for the camp and receive your British Soccer Jersey! Sign up online for Challenger Sports British Soccer Camp running July 14-18 in Mammoth by Friday, June 30th to receive your FREE British Soccer Jersey. The Tetra Brazil Academy Camp is also August 11-15. For more details contact Lee Dunne at 916-596-1664 or sign up by clicking: [www.challengersports.com](http://www.challengersports.com).

### **WAVE RAVE SKATE CAMP – JULY 23**

This camp co-sponsored by Wave Rave Skate & Snowboard Shop here in Mammoth Lakes is staffed with local riders and is designed for beginner and intermediate skaters 7-13 years old. This camp is traditionally a 3-day camp, although, this first session includes a "bonus" 4th day of camp for no additional cost! First session of this camp runs from July 23 - 25 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Skaters are asked to meet at Shady Rest Park on Monday morning.

EARLY BIRD: Activity Registration Fee: \$110.00, expires Jun 25, 2014

REGULAR: Activity Registration Fee: \$132.00, beginning Jun 26, 2014

Daily Drop-in: \$45.00 per day rate available for this camp.

### **WHITMORE POOL NOW OPEN!**

The Whitmore Pool opened to the public for recreation swimming on Saturday, June 21. Public swimming is offered Monday – Friday from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. and from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday. Lap swimming is offered Monday to Friday from 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. and every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from



5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Call the pool phone at (760) 935-4222 or visit [www.mammothrecreation.com](http://www.mammothrecreation.com) for all the details.

**LEARN TO SWIM WITH THE EASTERN SIERRA SWIM SCHOOL**

Get your child signed up for swim lessons and water safety sessions beginning Monday, June 23 at the Whitmore Pool. Pool staff will help place your child in the appropriate class. Both week-long sessions and private lessons are available. Register online at [www.mammothrecreation.com](http://www.mammothrecreation.com).

Week long sessions start every Monday, June 23 through August 15, 2014

- Class: 30 min/day for 5-days; 10 – 10:30 am, 10:45 – 11:15 am, 11:30 am – 12 pm.
- Cost: \$40 Early Bird (5 days in advance) / \$45.00 regular fee.

**Private Lessons**

Designed for both adults and children who want 1-on-1 attention in learning how to swim or improve their swim strokes.

- Monday-Friday: 10:00 – 10:30 am, 10:45 – 11:15 am or 11:30am – 12:00 pm
- Cost: \$30 per half-hour

**SUMMER TRANSIT TO WHITMORE**

Midweek transit service to the Whitmore Pool and Track & Sports Field is now available. To celebrate this expanded service, a promotional 10-ride Punch Pass will be offered for only \$10 (\$2.00 round trip). Regular, one-way fee is \$3.00 for adults and only \$2.50 for children. For additional information please visit ESTA at [www.estransit.com](http://www.estransit.com) or call (760) 924-3184.

**2014 SCHEDULE to WHITMORE RECREATION AREA**

DEPARTS FROM McDonalds	ARRIVES AT WHITMORE*
7:35 AM	7:45 AM
9:30 AM	9:40 AM
12:30 PM	12:40 PM
2:05 PM	2:15 PM
3:30 PM	3:40 PM
5:20 PM	5:30 PM

**2014 SCHEDULE to MAMMOTH LAKES**

DEPARTS FROM WHITMORE*	ARRIVES AT McDonalds
9:45 AM	9:55 AM
12:45 PM	12:55 PM
1:40 PM	1:55 PM
3:45 PM	3:55 PM
6:45 PM	6:55 PM

\*Drop-off and pick-up is at the Whitmore Pool.

**MAMMOTH RECZONE NOW OPEN!**

The Mammoth RecZone is the coolest place to hang out this summer. The facility is an outdoor venue (with shade, lights, and concessions) located in the heart of Mammoth Lakes offering a plethora of games and activities for all ages. General admission is only \$2.00 and includes access to volleyball, badminton, basketball, horseshoes, bean bag toss, blongoball, washer toss, skate ramps and more. Roller/inline skates are also available for rental. Browse the internet or catch up on the latest news or scores with FREE Wi-Fi or reserve



your next birthday party or family gathering on wheels! Call the RecZone phone at (760) 934-2505 during operating times for additional information or visit [www.mammothreczone.com](http://www.mammothreczone.com).

**HOURS:** FRIDAY: 5 – 10PM / SATURDAY: 3 – 10PM / SUNDAY: 3 – 7PM

***Have Your Next Party on Wheels!***

The Mammoth Rec Zone can be reserved for the exclusive use of your birthday party or special event. Games include: Bean Bag Toss, Horseshoe Pit, skate ramps, basketball, badminton, broomball and more! Fees are only \$50/hr. or rent the entire rink for the day for only \$200. Reservation only, subject to availability. All-inclusive birthday party packages are available and start from as low as \$7.50 per child. Call us to customize your party on wheels!

**SHOWBOAT YOUTHEATRE SAILS INTO MAMMOTH – FOR OVER 20 SUMMERS!**

“I’ve never had so much fun in all of my life” ...  
“I can’t wait until the next one” ...  
“I never knew my child had it in him!”

These are just a few of the comments overheard at the performance of Showboat Youtheatre’s most recent blockbuster musical, completely cast with children. This summer, they will drop anchor in Mammoth Lakes on Monday, August 5 to begin its annual summer musical comedy workshops for all of the local youngsters from 5 to 17 years of age.

The workshops, sponsored and invited by Mammoth Lakes Recreation Department will be held at the Community Center and Mammoth Lakes Arts Center. The children from 5 to 10 years of age will be working on “Free to Be a Family” from 9 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and the more advanced thespians from 10 and up will be working on the adapted, well known musical “Mama Mia”. The workshop/rehearsals will be held on August 11-23, with local recitals for both shows the weekend of August 22 & 23. Cost is \$100 for kids 10 and under, \$110 for ages 11 and up.

Instructor is Ann Monahan, choreographer/director, who has been performing and teaching for over 45 years. For many years, she has conducted similar workshops throughout the Los Angeles area. For further information and to register for this exciting and creative summer camp, either register online at [www.mammothrecreation.com](http://www.mammothrecreation.com) or call John Connolly at Mammoth Lakes Recreation at (760) 934-8989 ext. 234. Don’t miss the boat

**GYMNASTICS/TUMBLING PROGRAM**

Join Melissa and Kari, our level 5 gymnastics coaches at the Mammoth Lakes Community Center for the following classes:

- \* 3 yr. olds                      Saturday: 8:30 - 9:15 a.m.
- \* 4-5 yr. olds                    Saturday: 9:15 - 10:00 a.m. & Tuesday: 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.
- \* 5-8 yr. olds                    Saturday: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- \* 8-12+ yr. olds                Tuesday: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (invitation only)  
Friday: 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.



Saturday: 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Five session punch card for \$60, drop-ins welcome at \$15 session. Want to try it out? Try your first session for free! Please call (760) 934-8989 x222 for more information or visit 'Mammoth Gymnastics' on Facebook.

### **PICKLEBALL IS NOW IN MAMMOTH LAKES!**

Join in and learn the fastest growing sport in America - easy to learn, fun to play and FREE! Pick-up games are scheduled every Tuesday from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center Tennis Courts. For additional information please contact Bob or Tess Meggs at (530) 277-0199.

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

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### **MAMMOTH LAKES TRAILS REPORT**

For good reason, July fourth marks one of the most celebrated weekends in Mammoth Lakes. Locals and visitors alike look forward to the occasion and everything the Eastern Sierra has to offer. The morning after the rockets red glare, Friends of the Inyo (FOI), the town of Mammoth Lakes, Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access (MLTPA) and contributing local businesses accomplished the second of six Summer of Stewardship (SOS) events. Thanks to the help of 33 volunteers, Mammoth Rock Trail is now brushed free of creeping vegetation, the trail-tread restored, and hazards removed.

On the same day, local conservation agencies met at Mammoth Creek Park to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act. At this event, over 20 youngsters and their families took part in using crosscut saws—a still much valued wilderness tool—to cut log-round “cookies” which were then branded (yes branded) with the 50th Anniversary insignia and taken home as souvenirs. In fact, with the help of crosscut steel and FOI volunteer Alex Ertaud, MLTS stewards removed a massive fallen lodge pole across the Emerald Lake / Barrett Lake trail connector. When finished, Ertaud went on to lead his first of three John Muir inspired hikes in the John Muir Wilderness. Join him next time, July 26th at 1:00pm meeting at Heart Lake Trailhead.

MLTS Stewards and invaluable volunteers will be offering a myriad of hikes and interpretive programs rooted in natural and cultural history throughout the summer months. For a full schedule of these events please visit [FriendsoftheInyo.org](http://FriendsoftheInyo.org) or The Mammoth Lakes Visitor Center located on Mainstreet, SR203.

Even with the busy schedule of celebratory events this past weekend, MLTS Stewards made sure to get out on trail. This week's highlight was the Sky Meadows trail attributed to its magnitude of wildflowers species and views attained. While hiking this trail one will find Sierra Lilly, different Heathers and Penstemon, Crimson Columbine, Asters and Daisy, Pennyroyal, Elephant Head and much more; each of these specimens putting on their own unique fireworks display. So get up there and please remember that alpine meadows are a fragile ecosystems, home to many flora and fauna, and that staying on trail in these areas is in everyone's best interest.

Don't miss the next SOS day, July 19th— Meeting 8:30 at Minaret Vista. MLTS Stewards and volunteers will be maintaining the Vista Loop Trail. Come join us for some good work and a complementary breakfast and lunch. Hope to see you there!

## **FREE PUBLIC OUTINGS PLANNED FOR BODIE HILLS THIS SUMMER & FALL**

The Bodie Hills Conservation Partnership is planning to lead a series of public outings and stewardship projects this summer and fall on lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in the Bodie Hills. The outings vary in length and difficulty and are free and open to the public. Space is limited, and pre-registration is required.

The summer series will kick off on July 12 with an outing to the Dry Lakes Plateau led by BLM Archaeologist Greg Haverstock. There, participants will explore the unique sagebrush ecosystem and dry lakes beneath Beauty Peak, and learn about the rich cultural history of the area. Specifically, the use of this area during episodes of mid-Holocene drought will be discussed. The distribution of obsidian from both the Bodie Hills and Mt. Hicks will be detailed. The outing will include visits to several prehistoric sites in addition to two historic sites that detail the use of the area by Basque shepherders. Registration is required and space is limited. The outing will involve 2-3 miles of walking. Four wheel drive vehicles are required to access this area. For more information or to register please contact Jeff Hunter at [info@bodiehills.org](mailto:info@bodiehills.org) or (423) 322-7866.

Additional outings planned for 2014 are as follows:

- Saturday July 19: 4 mile hike in Monoville (Rattlesnake Gulch). Rated: Moderately Strenuous.
- Saturday Aug 9: Bodie Mountain & Potato Peak Hike with optional summit of Potato Peak. Rated: Very Strenuous
- Saturday Aug 30: 8 mile Dry Lakes Plateau hike (cross country – no trail) with optional Beauty Peak summit. Rated: Very Strenuous
- Saturday Sept 13: Obsidian Quarry tour with BLM Archaeologist Greg Haverstock. Rated Easy.
- Saturday October 25: 4-mile hike to summit of Mt. Biederman. Rated: Moderately Strenuous.

In addition to the above listed outings, volunteers are also sought for two stewardship projects planned for August 16 and September 27.

- Sat/Sun Aug 16-17: Stewardship project involving fence work, with optional overnight camp and hike on Sunday morning.
- Sat Sept 27: National Public Lands Day stewardship project. Project yet to be determined, but it will be fun!

According to Jeff Hunter of the Bodie Hills Conservation Partnership, “We’re looking for volunteers to assist with projects that will enhance wildlife habitat and the visitor experience in the Bodie Hills. Volunteering is a great way to discover the Bodie Hills and leave a positive, lasting impact on this treasured landscape.” The August 16 project is being held in partnership with Friends of the Inyo and the BLM and will involve converting a barb wire fence to a wildlife friendly “let-down” fence. Some additional fence work is also planned during the day. An optional overnight campout will be held after the August 16 project, followed by a hike the following morning.

The September 27 project will be held on National Public Lands Day. The scope of that project is still being identified at press time.



For more info about joining these outings and volunteer projects, please contact Jeff Hunter at [info@bodiehills.org](mailto:info@bodiehills.org) or (423) 322-7866, or visit [www.BodieHills.org](http://www.BodieHills.org).

**VOLUNTEER FOR THE JUNE LAKE TRIATHLON**

The High Sierra Triathlon Club is looking for volunteers for the upcoming June Lake Triathlon on Saturday July 12. If you have never experienced this event before, volunteering is a great way to get involved. If you are interested in assisting, or have questions, shoot Connie Morrison (Volunteer Coordinator) at [mocon1@suddenlink.net](mailto:mocon1@suddenlink.net). You may also find a list of volunteer jobs on their website, or by visiting:

- VOLUNTEER SIGN UP: [http://www.doitsports.com/volunteer2/jobs-by-date.tcl?event\\_id=213091](http://www.doitsports.com/volunteer2/jobs-by-date.tcl?event_id=213091)
- VOLUNTEER INFO: <http://highsierratri.org/volunteer/>

**STOP WATCHING AND START PLAYING SOCCER WITH AYSO!**

FINAL Registration for Mammoth AYSO fall soccer is on July 24 from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. at Mammoth Rock n’ Bowl (first floor - next to the fuse ball tables). Late registrants will be wait-listed and placed on a team as spots become available. Our goal with this new policy is to create balanced teams, certify our volunteer coaches, and provide soccer programs that enrich your children’s lives! The cost is only \$70 per child, or \$60 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> or \$50 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> child. Fees include a new Challenger Sports uniform, team photo, great coaching, tournaments and awards! **Age Divisions:** U5 & U6 Coed / U8 / U10 / U12 / U15 & U19. For complete registration information, call (760) 709-6756, email: [Mammothayso@gmail.com](mailto:Mammothayso@gmail.com) or visit [www.Mammothayso.com](http://www.Mammothayso.com).

**Upcoming & On-Going Events...**

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- NOW OPEN Whitmore Pool
- NOW OPEN Mammoth RecZone: Friday – Sunday
- NOW OPEN Swim Lessons at the Whitmore Pool
- ON-GOING Adult Men’s and Coed Softball at Shady Rest Park
- ON-GOING Drop-in Tennis Lessons at Community Center Tennis Courts
- OPEN Tioga, Sonora and the Lakes Basin
- **July is National Park and Recreation Month!**
- July 10 Drop-in Tennis Lessons at Community Center Tennis Courts
- July 11 Mountain PAR Course – FREE For all!
- July 12 Next Level Basketball Academy
- July 14 Mammoth Adventure Camp
- July 14 Challenger Sports British Soccer Camp
- July 15 Drop-in Tennis Lessons at Community Center Tennis Courts
- July 15 Mountain PAR Course – FREE For all!
- July 17 Drop-in Tennis Lessons at Community Center Tennis Courts
- July 18 Mountain PAR Course – FREE For all!
- July 19 Next Level Basketball Academy
- July 19-20 Adult Men’s Softball Tournament
- July 21 Youth Climbing Camp – FULL
- July 22 Drop-in Tennis Lessons at Community Center Tennis Courts
- July 22 Mountain PAR Course – FREE For all!
- July 23 Wave Rave Concrete Kommandos
- July 24 Drop-in Tennis Lessons at Community Center Tennis Courts

- July 26 Next Level Basketball Academy
- July 26-27 Adult Coed Softball Tournament
- July 28 Wilderness Camp
- July 28 UK International Soccer Camp
- July 29 Youth Tennis Camp
- July 29 Drop-in Tennis Lessons at Community Center Tennis Courts
- July 31 Drop-in Tennis Lessons at Community Center Tennis Courts
- Aug 4 Youth Climbing Camp
- Aug 5 Husky Prep Tennis Camp
- Aug 6 Wave Rave Concrete Kommandos
- Aug 11 Wilderness Camp
- Aug 11 Tetra Brazil Advanced Soccer Camp
- Aug 11 Showboat Youtheatre: "Free to be a family" and "Mama Mia"
- Aug 12 Husky Prep Tennis Camp
- Aug 15 Youth Gymnastics Camp
- Aug 18 Youth Climbing Camp