

RECREATION THIS WEEK: August 6, 2014

Recreation Department News...

FREE DROP-IN SKATE SESSION AT SHADY REST PARK

This Friday, August 15, the Town is throwing a huge 30th Anniversary Community Party at Shady Rest Park from 3:00-9:00 p.m. with a plethora of fun games, food, attractions, 80's dance party, temporary roller rink, 1,000 cupcakes, and more. From 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. Recreation and Wave Rave staff will be hosting a free jam session at the Shady Rest skate park. Because our skate camps were so popular, this is your personal invite to come on out and get some more street skating in before summer ends. This invitation is open to all friends and family too - come on out and see what this engaging camp is all about. Light snacks and drinks will be provided!

Not sure if the WaveRave skate camp is a fit for your child? Below is a quick edit made from our final session:
<http://www.magisto.com/embed/K1QXKkQVBT89URNiCzE>

And one last reminder: even if you can't attend, don't forget to plan on the 16th annual WaveRave competition at Volcom Brothers skate park happening on Saturday, August 23. It's free to enter and all the children walk with lots of great prizes and giveaways.

SHOWBOAT YOUTHEATRE SAILS INTO MAMMOTH – FOR OVER 20 SUMMERS!

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. For further information and to register for this exciting and creative summer camp, either register online at www.mammothrecreation.com or call John Connolly at Mammoth Lakes Recreation at (760) 934-8989 ext. 234. Don't miss the boat

SUMMER CAMPS

Youth summer camps are filling up fast – register online at www.mammothrecreation.com. Beginning August 15 is the Youth Gymnastics Camp (with sleepover), and the last Youth Climbing Camp is August 18-19. Call Missy at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 for information or to register.

ADULT COED DODGEBALL THIS FALL AT THE RECZONE

The Recreation Department is bringing back Dodgeball! Games will be held every Monday and Wednesday at the Mammoth RecZone beginning at 5:30 p.m. This will be a great time under the lights at the RecZone (adjacent to the library) with music, fun and more! Games commence September 3 and wrap up on September 29, 2014. Fee is only \$84 per team. Teams must have at least 4 men and 2 women on the court at all times.



TENNIS LESSONS EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Kyle Osland - former Head Coach at the Nick Bollettieri IMG Tennis Academy and Varsity Husky Tennis Coach is offering group sessions every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon for Tiny Tots, juniors and adults with 3 tennis camps scheduled this summer. Drop-in lessons are scheduled through 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!

WHITMORE POOL CLOSES AUGUST 23

The Whitmore Pool will close to the public for recreation swimming on Saturday, August 23, 2014. 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. through September 5, 2014. Call the pool phone at (760) 935-4222 or visit www.mammothrecreation.com for all the details.

SUMMER TRANSIT TO WHITMORE – LAST DAY AUG. 22

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 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
11:30 AM - NEW	11:40 AM - NEW
2:05 PM	2:15 PM
3:15 PM - NEW	3:25 PM - NEW
4:15 PM - NEW	4:25 PM - NEW
5:20 PM	5:30 PM

2014 SCHEDULE to MAMMOTH LAKES

DEPARTS FROM WHITMORE*	ARRIVES AT McDonalds
9:45 AM	9:55 AM
11:45 AM - NEW	11:55 AM - NEW
1:40 PM	1:55 PM
3:35 PM - NEW	3:45 PM - NEW
4:35 PM - NEW	4:45 PM - NEW
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, near Vons and adjacent to the Mammoth Lakes Library offering a plethora of games and activities for all ages. 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.

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!

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...

IT'S THURSDAY NIGHT....WHAT ARE YOU DOING? RIDING YOUR BIKE OF COURSE!

This week's ride starts at Roberto's Parking lot at 5:30pm heading to Convict Lake and back via the Scenic Loop.

FRIENDS OF THE INYO TRAILS REPORT

As the San Joaquin River leaves Devils Postpile National Monument, it twists and turns through the Sierra Nevada where it eventually feeds into the Mammoth Pool Reservoir. This where the French Fire has been burning and what was responsible for making the skies in Mammoth Lakes so smoky over the last couple of weeks. On Sunday, August 10th, the Sierra National Forest stated that the interior parts of the fire are cooling but unfortunately, more smoke could be possible. However, while the sky remains clear the trails throughout Red's Meadow are certainly worthy of excursion.

On Saturday August 10th, 53 volunteers converged on the Sotcher Lake loop trail and feeder trail for the fourth Summer of Stewardship Event of the season. Volunteers improved informational signage, maintained and installed trail drainage structures, re-established trail tread around upturned root balls and more. After the infamous blow down of 2011, the trail connecting Sotcher Lake to Minaret Falls was buried by trees and all but forgotten. Now hikers can enjoy this unobstructed and retreaded stretch of trail that meanders through mixed conifer forest. While hiking, make sure to include the lake loop trail. Here, Giant Mountain Larkspur can be found growing overhead and, on the far end of the loop, the stream gently cascades before emptying into the lake.

Anyone looking to avoid a bus-ride or an entry fee can park at Horseshoe Lake and hike west. Some of the best loop hikes in the Mammoth Lakes Trail System (MLTS) can be linked up between any combination of Mammoth Pass, McLeod Lake, Crater and Upper Crater Meadows, the John Muir Trail, Red Cones and Red's Meadow. These trails offer some of the best vistas of the San Joaquin Valley while making their way through mature old growth, blown-down and charred forest communities. While hiking be watchful for some of the stateliest Red Fir and Western White Pines that grace the MLTS. Through the burn wildflowers such as Aster, Daisy, Pennyroyal and others grow in the company of sapling pines and spruces to begin the new forest succession.

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 August 23 -- Coldwater. Join the Inyo National Forest, MLTPA and Friends of the Inyo for the fifth 2014 Summer of Stewardship project working to improve and maintain these popular trails. For more info contact Chris Niebuhr: chris@friendsoftheinyo.org and/or Matthew Paruolo: matt@friendsoftheinyo.org.

15TH ANNUAL MAMMOTH LAKES GOLF CLASSIC ADDS DIGITAL REGISTRATION!

The 15th Annual Mammoth Lakes Foundation Golf Classic, sponsored by Ron & Shirley Heck, takes place Sunday, September 7, 2014 at Sierra Star Golf Course. The MLF Golf Classic supports higher education and cultural enrichment in the Eastern Sierra—all part of Dave McCoy's vision for a better community. This year MLF teams up with Bidding for Good, a non-profit support site, to register golfers and coordinate the silent



auction component of the classic. Golfers can register and sign up at BiddingforGood.com/MLFgolf, to sponsor a tee or hole, and see and bid on some of the silent auction items one week prior to the event.

“We’re excited to offer an alternative means of participating in the event this year,” stated MLF Executive Director Dion Agee. “Technology makes it possible for more people to support non-profits more easily. Even if you can’t play in the tournament this year, you can donate, commit to a sponsorship or even bid on silent auction items. The Bidding for Good technology will also allow for real-time bidding during the tournament which should make the event even more exciting.”

Early Bird registration is available through August 31st. Players can register for \$99 per person or \$396 per foursome. The tournament is a best-ball scramble with a 10:00 am shotgun start with on-site registration and continental breakfast available starting at 8:30 am for those who want to get in a little putting practice. A Super Ticket will be available for \$25, limited to one per player, with the Grand Prize being a new iPad. There is also a raffle with multiple prizes with tickets sold on the course at all Par 3s by MLF Scholarship students. Tee Sponsorships are \$125 each and Hole Sponsorships are \$300 each. Several other sponsorships are also available for Breakfast, Lunch, Beverage, and Awards celebration. Title Sponsors are Ron and Shirley Heck and the Putting Challenge sponsor is Ormat. Dave Schacht of Sierra Star Golf Course coordinates all the course activity, including a “Beat the Pro” contest on Hole 2 and the Putting Contest with a guaranteed winner. For additional information about the Tournament contact Dion Agee or Juliana Olinka at 760.934.3781. To sign up now, visit www.BiddingForGood.com/MLFgolf.

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. For more information or to register please contact Jeff Hunter at info@bodiehills.org or (423) 322-7866.

- Aug. 30: 8 mile Dry Lakes Plateau hike (cross country – no trail) with optional Beauty Peak summit. Rated: Very Strenuous
- Sept. 13: Obsidian Quarry tour with BLM Archaeologist Greg Haverstock. Rated Easy.
- Oct. 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.

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

SIERRA CLUB EVENTS

August 14: Explore the ruins of Mammoth City where Mammoth Lakes got its name. Learn about the history of mining in the area. Dogs ok. Meet 5:30pm Mammoth Union Bank Info Mike and Mary: marymikesore@gmail.com.

August 17: Yosemite, Tuolumne Meadows to Budd Lake and Cathedral Peak. 6+ mi RT, 1600' gain along the beautiful Budd Creek gorge on this unmapped, unmaintained trail with views of Unicorn, Coxcomb, and Cathedral peaks. No dogs. Meet 8 am Mammoth Union Bank, or 8:45 Tioga Road ranger station.
Info: Maurica_And@yahoo.com.

August 19: McGee Creek Trailhead. Potluck picnic and social at 6 pm. Enjoy friends and riparian habitat among cotton woods, aspens and willows. Bring a dish for 6-8 people to share and your own place setting. Everyone welcome. Info: marymikeshore@gmail.com.

August 21: Meet 5:30pm Mammoth Union Bank, dogs ok, Contact Sally: sges4d@gmail.com.

August 24: Hike to Lamarck Lakes. 5.8 mi RT, 1847' gain, strenuous. Meet 8am Mammoth Union Bank. Info Sherry (hikerlady@verizon.net).

August 28: Gull Lake Trail. Short 2 mi loop trail, dogs ok, Meet 5:30pm Mammoth Union Bank, Info Jean: dillinghamjean@gmail.com.

Upcoming & On-Going Events...

- NOW OPEN Whitmore Pool – last day Sept. 5
- NOW OPEN Mammoth RecZone: Friday – Sunday (last day Sept. 21)
- NOW OPEN Swim Lessons at the Whitmore Pool (last day Aug. 15)
- ON-GOING Adult Men's and Coed Softball at Shady Rest Park
- ON-GOING Drop-in Tennis Lessons at Community Center Tennis Courts (last day Sept. 11)
- ON-GOING Adult Soccer League at Whitmore
- Aug 11 Wilderness Camp
- Aug 11 Tetra Brazil Advanced Soccer Camp
- Aug 11 Showboat Youtheatre: "Free to be a family" and "Mama Mia"
- Aug 14 Drop-in Tennis Lessons at Community Center Tennis Courts
- Aug 15 Youth Gymnastics Camp
- Aug 18 Youth Climbing Camp
- Aug 19 Drop-in Tennis Lessons at Community Center Tennis Courts
- Aug 21 Drop-in Tennis Lessons at Community Center Tennis Courts
- Aug 22 Showboat Youtheatre Performances
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- Aug 23 Whitmore Pool closes for Recreation Swimming – open for lap swim through Sept. 5
- Aug 26 Drop-in Tennis Lessons at Community Center Tennis Courts
- Aug 28 Drop-in Tennis Lessons at Community Center Tennis Courts
- Sept 2 Drop-in Tennis Lessons at Community Center Tennis Courts
- Sept 3 Adult Coed Dodgeball begins at the Mammoth RecZone
- Sept 4 Drop-in Tennis Lessons at Community Center Tennis Courts
- Sept 9 Drop-in Tennis Lessons at Community Center Tennis Courts
- Sept 11 Drop-in Tennis Lessons at Community Center Tennis Courts
- Sept 21 Mammoth RecZone Closing Day
- Oct. 24 Halloween Skate Party at the Mammoth RecZone
- Nov. 28 Mammoth Ice Rink scheduled Opening Day
- Dec. 5 Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony