

## RECREATION THIS WEEK: August 27, 2014

### Recreation Department News...

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#### **FREE ADMISSION AT THE MAMMOTH RECZONE LABOR DAY WEEKEND!**

The Mammoth RecZone is the coolest place to hang out this summer – to make it even cooler, join us between August 29 – August 31, 2014 for FREE! Skate rentals are only \$2.00 – you can't beat that for value!

Located near Vons and adjacent to the Mammoth Lakes Library (with shade, lights, and concessions) the RecZone offers a plethora of games and activities for all ages including: volleyball, badminton, basketball, horseshoes, bean bag toss, blongoball, washer toss, skate ramps and more. 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!

#### **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 CLOSERS FOR LAP SWIM SEPT. 5**

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](http://www.mammothrecreation.com) for all the details.

**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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**FRIENDS OF THE INYO TRAIL REPORT – Aug. 25**

There is certainly no shortage of things to do when visiting the Mammoth Lakes area of the Eastern Sierra. The Mammoth Lakes Trails System (MLTS) offers some of the best day hiking that can be found. With the access that these trails offer to lakes, forests and breathtaking views, its no wonder why so many people make sure to visit each year. In addition to the hiking, there are also miles of public mountain biking trails that shouldn't be overlooked. To help avoid the strenuous uphill grind, the town even provides a free trolley (with bike rack) that runs every half hour between The Village and Horseshoe Lake making stops along the way.



The complete list of these public mountain biking trails can be found at [Mammothtrails.org/trails](http://Mammothtrails.org/trails). This weeks featured trails include; the lower sections of the Uptown and Downtown trails adjacent to The Village, the Mountain View trail from the Earthquake Fault to Minaret Summit, the Panorama Dome loop trail off of Lake Mary Road, the Panorama loop to Old Mammoth Rd connector and the Mammoth Rock Trail from Old Mammoth to Sherwin Creek Rd. A complete loop of all these trails can be linked in a day by starting in The Village and riding up Uptown, crossing 203 and continuing up Mountain View. After taking in the view at Minaret Vista and catching your breath enjoy the downhill rush that you just earned after all that uphill by going down Mountain View to Downtown and then catching the trolley in The Village. The nearest stop to the Panorama Dome loop is the Twin Lakes General Store. When you are finished lapping the loop trail hop on the signed connector to Old Mammoth and on to the premier Mammoth Rock trail. The greatest thing about all these trails is that they have all been selected as a of a Summer of Stewardship location within the last year and are in great shape.

Another newly maintained section of the MLTS is the Coldwater area. Providing three different trail heads as well as the Mammoth Consolidated Mine, this is a popular destination for a lot of hikers. A huge thanks to each of the 84 volunteers who were there to help out and set a new volunteer record for our Summer of Stewardship events. Volunteers helped re-establish the Emerald Lake – Skelton Lake Connector Trail, install signage, clean the parking lot of debris, improve the trail through the historic mine site and more!

### **CONVICT LAKE STEWARDSHIP PROJECT FOR AUG. 30**

On Saturday August 30, 2014, Friends of the Inyo invites the public to join them for a family friendly volunteer day at Convict Lake. Volunteers will help repair and improve conditions on the popular loop trail and clean up around the lake. Following the project, volunteers will enjoy a delicious lunch provided by Convict Lake Resort and have a chance to win great prizes.

As one of the most popular recreation destinations on the Inyo National Forest, Convict Lake hosts tens of thousands of visitors each year who come to fish, hike, play in the clear, cool water, and enjoy the spectacular view. One is just likely to see a bald eagle or the playful cloud shadows on Mount Laurel as to see an angler pulling in the big one. Partly due to its popularity, the trail around Convict Lake needs major maintenance to provide safe access and an enjoyable experience for its visitors. The upcoming volunteer day at Convict Lake culminates a summer long effort to repair and improve this popular trail. Thanks to a generous grant from the National Forest Foundation, Friends of the Inyo stewardship crews and volunteers, in partnership with the Inyo National Forest, have been working to repair and rebuild sections of the loop trail around Convict Lake for the past five weeks.

According to Friends of the Inyo's Executive Director Laura Beardsley, "Our crews have been hard at work rebuilding and improving the trail around Convict Lake this summer. We're excited to wrap up the season with another great project and thrilled to have the support of the National Forest Foundation, the Inyo National Forest, Convict Lake Resort, and volunteers to make it happen."

Volunteers should wear closed toe shoes and work appropriate clothing. To participate, meet Friends of the Inyo at 8:30 am Saturday, August 30th at the day use trailhead on the south side of Convict Lake for a light breakfast and two to three hours of fun, rewarding work. For additional information please call Ursula Esser at (760) 873-6500 or visit [www.friendsoftheinyo.org](http://www.friendsoftheinyo.org).



## **MAMMOTH FALL CENTURY & GRAN FONDO RETURNS SEPT. 6**

The 2014 Mammoth Fall Century & Gran Fondo returns to the Eastern Sierra on September 6, 2014. Last year, this event brought over 1000 cyclists to Mammoth Lakes, Mono County and the Eastern Sierra - most of them drove through Bishop and Inyo County on the way to Mammoth. In 2014, we hope to see that many cyclists again or more. The Fall Century and Gran Fondo will once again begin from The Village but at a new starting time of 7:00 a.m. The shorter 42 Mile "Piccolo" and 70 Mile "Medio" courses also start (9:00 a.m.) and end at The Village in Mammoth Lakes rather than Whitmore Ball Fields.

New this year is a Prologue Hill Climb Time Trial, on Friday, September 5, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. starting at the "Chain-up" area at US HWY 395 and SR 203 and finishing at the Mammoth Mountain Inn near the Gondola Building.

The Mammoth Century and Gran Fondo is a fundraiser for the Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation (MMCF) under the direction of Executive Director Lindsay Barksdale. MMCF contracts Mammoth Mountain Ski Area to produce the event. Bill Cockroft serves as the lead for MMSA and takes on the role of Event Director where he has an assembled team of professionals including ride director John Armstrong with the help of local cycling club, Eastside Velo, and many others to help produce the event.

Former pro cyclist and Assistant Editor of Road Bike Action Magazine, Neil Shirley, rode the 2013 event and wrote an online and print article about it where he stated that the Mammoth Fall Century & Gran Fondo is "on Par with Levi's Gran Fondo in Santa Rosa, CA." Levis Gran Fondo is widely considered the "benchmark" Gran Fondo event in the US and each year sells out 7500 rider registrations. See Neil Shirley's article here:

<http://www.roadbikeaction.com/Features/content/313/7350/Being-There-Mammoth-High-Sierra-Fall-Gran-Fondo.html>

The event has averaged 40% year over year growth the last two years, and in 2013, 1050 participants came to Mammoth Lakes bringing with them the economic benefit of shopping, lodging, eating and playing in Mammoth Lakes. The goal this year is 1,400 riders!

Riders will welcome additional rest stops on the route with improved menus including vegetarian and gluten-free options and staffed by local volunteer groups and businesses including Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra, Mammoth Lakes Swim Team, Mono County Search and Rescue, Bishop High School Broncos Football Team, MHS Baseball Team, Crowley Lake Store and the Mammoth Track Club.

1984 Olympic Gold Medalist, Steve Hegg, will be joining the Gran Fondo Ride, along with 1984 Olympic Silver Medalist, Nelson Vails. VIP packages are available with both riders.

Riders are encouraged to stay for the After Ride Party and Gourmet Buffet in The Village on Saturday afternoon. Don't miss great food, music and a vendor expo in the courtyard of The Village for the after-ride party and gourmet buffet feast! All rider participants are provided with free pictures of themselves on the ride immediately after the ride at the After-Ride Party and Gourmet Buffet Feast

Significant sponsorship support (personnel, equipment, supplies, marketing, financial and substantially discounted services and supplies) for the Mammoth Fall Century & Gran Fondo is provided by the following local businesses: Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, Town of Mammoth Lakes (Measure U), Footloose Sports,



Sierra Nevada Brewing, Bonk Breaker, VisitMammothLakes.com, SkyTime Helicopter Service, Alaska Airlines, Road Bike Action Magazine, Fendon's Furniture.

A big thanks also goes out to the following agencies for working with the Mammoth Fall Century & Gran Fondo to put on a safe and well organized event: California Highway Patrol, Mammoth Lakes Police Department, Mono County Sheriff, Caltrans, Mono County Road Department, and the Town of Mammoth Lakes. Please visit [www.FallCentury.org](http://www.FallCentury.org) to learn more, Register for the Ride and invite your Friends!

We need your help! To sign-up to help, go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e49afae2aa02-2014>.

### **TRAFFIC ADVISORY: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2014**

The Mammoth Fall Century and Gran Fondo Charity Bike Ride, produced by the Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation (MMCF) will take place on Saturday, September 6, 2014. The Fall Century and Gran Fondo will once again begin from The Village but at a new starting time of 7:00 a.m. The shorter 42 Mile "Piccolo" and 70 Mile "Medio" courses also start (9:00 a.m.) and end at The Village at Mammoth rather than the Whitmore Ball Fields. Due to the extensive number of riders, area covered and for the safety of the cyclists, specific traffic control measures will be in effect.

The Town would like to notify motorists of the following traffic control measures scheduled for Saturday, September 6, 2014.

1. Lower Canyon Boulevard will be closed between Lake Mary Road and Hillside Drive from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
2. Between 7:00 a.m. and approximately 7:20 a.m. eastbound traffic will be delayed on Lake Mary Road and Main Street (SR 203) including northbound traffic on US 395 for the Mammoth Fall Century 100 mile ride departing from The Village.
3. Between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. US 395 northbound from SR 203 to the junction of SR 120 will experience heavy bicycle traffic.
4. Between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. motorists should expect heavy bicycle traffic along SR 120 east between US 395 and the Benton Crossing Road.
5. Minaret Road from Forest Trail to Main Lodge (SR 120) will be closed from 9:00 a.m. to 9:20 a.m. for the start of the shorter 42 mile "Piccolo" and 70 mile "Medio" courses. Access to Scenic Loop Road will also be temporarily closed from 9:00 a.m. to 9:20 a.m.
6. Expect heavy or increased bike traffic throughout the day for both southbound and northbound US 395 motorists between Crowley Lake and the Junction with SR 203. Please be aware of increased bike traffic on Crowley Lake Drive and potential delays.

The 2014 Mammoth Fall Century and Gran Fondo event expects approximately 1,200 cyclists in Mammoth Lakes to experience the stunning Eastern Sierra on two-wheels in support of our children's education and



athletics. Cyclists will ride on highways SR 203, US 395, SR 120, and Benton Crossing Road on Saturday, September 6, 2014.

Please welcome riders to our community, share the road, and maintain three feet between you and a cyclist at all times.

### **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](mailto: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 one last stewardship projects planned for September 27: National Public Lands Day stewardship project. Project yet to be determined.

### **SIERRA CLUB EVENTS**

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

### **34TH ANNUAL TIOGA PASS RUN – SEPT. 7**

For the 34th year, a hearty group of runners will gather at the base of Tioga Pass in Lee Vining on Sunday, September 7, 2014. Their mission: to run 12.4 miles with 3,200 feet of elevation gain to Yosemite National Park, Tioga Pass Entrance Gate. Olympic Marathon runner, Ryan Hall, set the course record of 1:20:57 in 2010. Most racers take 1 ½ to 4 hours to complete the race, including those in the walking division who leave one hour prior the runners.

Proceeds for the Tioga Pass Run go to the Mono Lake Committee, a non-profit citizens' group dedicated to protecting and restoring the Mono Basin ecosystem, educating the public about Mono Lake and the impacts on the environment of excessive water use, and promoting cooperative solutions that protect Mono Lake and meet real water needs without transferring environmental problems to other areas.

For a thoroughly challenging weekend, consider the Graniteman Challenge sponsored by the High Sierra Triathlon Club:

- Friday, September 5: Swim 1-mile at the Granite to Granite Swim
- Saturday, September 6: Bike 100-miles at the High Sierra Fall Century/ Gran Fondo
- Sunday, September 7: Run 12.4-miles at the Tioga Pass Run



For more information on the Tioga Pass Run: [www.monolake.org/visit/tiogapassrun](http://www.monolake.org/visit/tiogapassrun)

Facebook: Tioga Pass Run

Email: [Info@HighSierraTri.org](mailto:Info@HighSierraTri.org)

Phone: (760) 717.0176

## Upcoming & On-Going Events...

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- 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 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 (every Monday & Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.)
- 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