

## Report of the Recreation Department

The mission of the Moultonborough Recreation Department is: "To provide high quality programs and facilities that offer a range of healthy recreational and leisure activities to the Moultonborough community". As we continue our goal as a mission driven department, in 2012 we again offered high quality recreation programs, instruction and events; collaborated with different organizations, agencies and individuals; hired, trained, supervised and evaluated quality staff and volunteers; worked and proposed projects to improve recreation facilities. In addition we continued our dedication to the recreation and parks profession and our community through involvement in our professional associations and a commitment to continuing education.

Recreation Programs and events offered in 2012 are as follows: (Participant numbers are shown next to the program or event listed).

**Program, Events and Trips for Adults and Senior Adults:** Trips - Boston Flower Show 24, Fells Estate and Lake Sunapee Cruise 27, Cabbage Island Clambake-35, Currier Museum of Art and Zimmerman House -17; Community Resources Fair (held in conjunction with other members of the Community Resources Team –130+ (participants and vendors); Zumba -11; Zumba Gold - 4; Gentle Yoga - 13; Tai Chi - 6; Walk and Stay Fit/Adult Fitness – 4; OAR – Operation Active Recreation - 6; Water Aerobics- 3; Swimming Lessons-2; Adult Softball 9 teams - approximately 165 participants; Edith's Tourney 20; Tennis Lessons - 5.

**Family Special Events/Trips** –Moultonborough Pathway Road Race held in conjunction with the Moultonborough Pathway Association -56, Annual Halloween Party 225; Family Water Carnival – 30+; Family Skating Party (cancelled due to weather); Touch a Truck - 70; Great Park Pursuit-35; Penny Carnival 60+; Summer Concert and Ice Cream Social – 48; Christmas Concert -25; Father Daughter Spring Fling Dance (cancelled).

**Teens and Tweens** – Daily Drop-In program – 56; American Red Cross Babysitting Class-12; Morbid Mountain Halloween Trip -30 (cancelled due to weather); Tubing and Swimming Trip (cancelled due to weather); Funspot Trip 15; First Night Celebration -33.

**Summer Programs** – Hot and Happy - 16; Happy Campers Day Camp - 93; RECKing Crew Day Camp - 114; Teen Adventure 64; Tennis Lessons – 17 (youth); Swimming Lessons – 66; Adapted Swim Lessons -1; "Winnie Minnows" – 3, Speedy Swimmers 4; Art Class-7; Children's Stage Adventures-30; Challenger Soccer Camp-15, First Kicks – 12. In addition, the Recreation Dept. is an active participant in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade and the Rec. Dept. budget funds the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade, town-wide barbecue and Moultonborough's portion of the fireworks in Center Harbor as well as holiday lighting.

**Youth Sports Programs/Events** – Basketball -139; T-Ball –16; Softball – 37. Moultonborough baseball players now participate in the Lakes Region Cal Ripken Baseball League so participant numbers are not represented here. Soccer - 99; Mini-Kicks -5; Volleyball-10; Hershey Track and Field-46; Pitch Hit and Run Competition - 35; Youth Sport Clinics – numbers vary; Nutty November-25. Moultonborough youth athletes compete in games "in-house", also against teams from neighboring communities and in regional tournaments. We have reinstated the UNH/NHRPA Coach Smart Training program for our coaches with the goal of getting all youth sport coaches trained under this program.

**Other Activities/lessons for Children/Youth** – Kids Night Out – 9; Skating and Hockey Lessons- 28; Winter Bingo – 19; Greetings from the North Pole – 64; Artventures - 3; Movie Day – 7; Winter Days (held in conjunction with the Moultonborough Central School) - 160.

**Accolades** – At the New Hampshire Recreation and Park Association Annual Awards Banquet in May the Moultonborough Recreation Dept. received the award for Excellence in Aquatics Programming for our offerings at Long Island Beach. The Community Services Team received the Perkins Programming Award for Special Event Excellence for the Community Services Fair. In addition two of our pictures won first prize in the photography contest.

**Recreation Facilities** - Offering quality recreation facilities remain part of our mission. As such we continue to pursue excellence in this area as well. We are working with all parties involved to complete the soccer field project. The future of States Landing Beach remains a priority. We continue to work with volunteers and public works personnel on ice rink improvements and retro-fitting Phase II of the Moultonborough Pathway. All Moultonborough Recreation Facilities – The Community Center, Moultonborough Recreation Area on Playground Drive, including the baseball and soccer fields, ice rink, tennis courts, basketball court and play areas, Long Island Beach and the Point at Long Island and the Pathway are all well used. States Landing receives less usage but is still a valuable recreation facility.

**Committees and Collaborations** - The Moultonborough Recreation Department continues to collaborate with other town departments and various organizations. Recreation staff serve on various committees, including but not limited to, the Community Services Team, the Moultonborough Pathway Association, the Moultonborough Wellness Committee etc. Moultonborough Recreation personnel continue to maintain professional certifications, where appropriate, and respond to the expectation of excellence by regularly attending workshops and trainings to offer the best in recreation services as well as stay current on standards, requirements, trends and issues in the recreation profession. Recreation staff members remain active in the parks and recreation movement at the state, regional and national level.

**Recreation Advisory Board** – The Recreation Advisory Board’s mission is to be a bridge between the community and the Recreation Dept. Many thanks to board members - Al Hume (chair), Carla Taylor (vice-chair), Celeste Burns (Secretary), Chris Shipp and Morgen Gillis. The RAB meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00 PM

**Appreciation** – Thanks to our over 100 volunteers who serve on boards, committees, coach, officiate, chaperone, supervise, instruct and help to maintain facilities; to the Public Works Department for great cooperation on field, rink and facility maintenance; to members of the Moultonborough Services Team – Library, VNS and Human Services Dept. and Moultonborough –Sandwich meals program for cooperation in adult and senior programming efforts; thanks too to the Moultonborough Schools and their personnel for many cooperative efforts, a strong school-community relationship and the cooperative efforts on facility usage. Thanks also are extended to local businesses and organizations that sponsor our teams and events; to the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator for their support and recognition of the very important role municipal recreation plays in our community’s health. A very special thank-you goes to our amazing, energetic and talented seasonal and part time staff members.

**Changes and Thanks** – After extensive hiring processes, this year we welcomed Dan Sturgeon to the position of Assistant Recreation Director, Donna Tatro as the Program Coordinator and Mary Bengtson as our front desk/office clerk. Much appreciation is extended to these very dedicated and excellent employees.

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