

Director's Report RAB 6/10/2019

Special Events: The partnership with the Castle in the Clouds continues to be a “win-win” for both entities in providing quality special events. The Starlight Hike, held on January 19th was attended by approximately 70 people. The Sunset Hike originally scheduled for May 10th was moved to the following evening, May 11th and had over 75 people in attendance. The next event is very exciting as we will be holding a Family Campout June 21st to June 22nd. The event is “sold out” with over 40 sites reserved. Family Fun Day is scheduled for Saturday August 10th.

We had 80 dads and daughters enjoy the Father-Daughter Dance on February 15th 56 in attendance enjoying a variety of sport activities and a pasta dinner.

Approximately 45 people enjoyed the Family Skating Party on January 27th and 20 participated in the Sledding Party on February 27th.

Adults/Senior Adults: Indoor pickle ball sessions, held in conjunction with the Meredith Parks and Recreation Dept. and at the Meredith Community Center, ran until the end of May. We are currently in the first session of the outdoor program.

The big news is that we received our bus on February 13th. Town staff either have, or will be, obtaining their CDL with a passenger endorsement. We ran our first adult trip in the new bus on June 13th with a Mystery Trip – to see the lupines, enjoy Polly's Pancakes, a trip to a country store and a visit at the Robert Frost Farm.

The next trip will be on Friday July 12th to Boothbay Harbor to enjoy the Cabbage Island Clambakes

We have planned a series of “Granite Getaways” for late summer – an “adventure club” for moderately active adults, with trips scheduled to some out of the way/little known attractions in New Hampshire. The program requires a modest registration fee and the cost of the trip.

We continue to host Mah Jong and bridge groups at the Recreation Dept.

Fitness with a Difference gets underway next Tuesday, June 18th. We will again offer private adult tennis lessons as well as “Intro to Tennis” Clinic on July 8th and a “Hone Your Skills” Clinic on July 22nd. Edith's Tournament will be held on Saturday August 3rd.

The Adult Co-ed Softball League held its organizational meeting on June 5th

Youth Sports: We had 100 boys and girls in grades k-6th grade participate in our youth basketball program. Teams in grades 3-4 and 5-6 played games against Meredith, and Carroll County teams. 21 boys and girls in 5-6 chose to participate on our tournament teams and participated in the Carroll County Tournament. The girl's team advanced to the championship and ended up as the Runner's Up the boy's team came in third place.

Tee-ball and softball wrapped up for the season last weekend. We had 32 participate in tee ball and 30 in grade 2-3 and 4-6 grade softball. After having only one win through the regular season, our 4-6 grade team participated in the Carroll County Tournament and won their first two games before being eliminated. This year we added an additional tee ball program, called “High Five Tee Ball” for 5 year olds and had 7 children participate.

Information on youth soccer and volleyball is included in the summer brochure.

We have youth participating in the Granite State Track and Field program with 8 participating at the District Meet in Rochester this coming Saturday.

Other Youth Programs: Beyond the Bell wraps up this week.

We had 19 children participate in our skating lesson program.

Safe Sitter training programs were held in February and March with 18 youngsters being trained. (Class size is eliminated by design)

We contracted with Cody Outdoor Classrooms to offer STEM Camp during April vacation week and had 29 children participating

We have offered our Totally Toddler and Music and Movement Program – toddler and parent – from September until June. Hot and Happy (toddlers and parents) gets underway at the end of June.

Summer – The summer brochure with all of our activities, programs and events is available on line and in hard copy at the Recreation Dept., Town Hall and Library and was distributed through the central school.

The deadline for summer camp registration is this Wednesday.

We will, again, be running both REcking Crew and Happy Campers at MCS to have access to indoor facilities to accommodate our full-day, Day Camp. We offer full day, extended day, half day (mornings) and half day (afternoon) options. Field trips are on Wednesdays this year.

Day Camps, first session of swimming lessons and tennis lessons get underway the last week of June.

It's been a challenging hiring process this year and we are still working on filling a couple of positions. Summer Staff Training for counselors begins on June 19th with first aid and CPR and will continue through Saturday June 22nd.

Lifeguards are scheduled to go on duty on Saturday June 22nd. Their orientation and training schedule is still being determined.

In addition to our camps we also contract with, and offer, Challenger Soccer Camp and Children's Stage Adventure.

The Summer Concert Series will get underway on Wednesday June 26th and run on Wednesday's through August 7th and provides a variety of music and includes local talent as well as established bands from other parts of NH.

Facilities – The pavilion/bathroom project is underway at Kraine Meadow Park.

The annual States Landing Clean Up Green Up Day was held this past Saturday with approximately 25 people volunteering. An update of the project was provided by Walter Johnson. The dredging and boat launch reconstruction are in the bid process now with anticipated work beginning in October when the lake level is low.

CIP requests for the next round include continuing to deposit in the Capital Reserve Funds for the Pathway Project and States Landing Project; Phase II of the Ice Rink project and a request for a building for the Recreation Dept.

Other Information: Dan was named the Moultonborough School District's Champion for Children in April.

Dan completed the Parks and Recreation Leadership Forum – a 7 week program (meeting once a month for a full day of training) offered through Primex

I will be one of the presenters at the National Recreation and Park Association National Conference to be held in Baltimore, MD in September.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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