

Director's Report 9/9/2019

Special Events: We ran several successful special events this past summer. The Family Fun Day held in conjunction with the Castle in the Clouds had 425 people in attendance enjoying a day of awesome activities and entertainment. The Family Campout also a collaborative event with the Castle attracted 167 people. The number of sites were limited for this event and the event was sold out. The "Frozen Sing A Long", a joint effort with the Moultonborough Public Library was attended by 57 people. There were 44 competitors for the Moultonborough Pathway Fund Run and Walk a joint effort with the Moultonborough Pathway Association.

The Jack-o-Lantern Pumpkin Walk another joint program with the Castle in the Clouds will be held on Saturday October 19th. There will be a jack-o-lantern carving event held prior to the walk.

The Halloween Party and Haunted Hallway is scheduled for Friday October 25th. Help is always appreciated for Halloween activities.

Summer: We wrapped up another very successful summer season. In our second year of offering a full day, day camp for Happy Campers and RECKing Crew – while still offering the half day option, the program proved to be popular. We had 561 registrations for these two programs. This reflects that children were signed up for multiple sessions and therefore we had 96 individual children participate in the RECKing Crew program and 58 individual children participate in Happy Campers. We also had 429 registrations for the various field trips offered through these programs. Our average attendance on Happy Camper field trips was 20 and on RECKing Crew was 41.

There were 28 young people in Teen Adventure and 14 children in Hot and Happy. We had 36 young soccer players participate in Challenger Soccer Camp and 23 in Children's Stage Adventures. Seven children took the Safe Sitter class and 5 learned how to be Safe at Home by participating in that class. Forty-two children took swimming lessons through the Recreation Department.

We had 43 adults and children take advantage of the tennis lessons we offered. We had 8 competitors in Edith's Tourney with approximately 12 participating in the You Hit It – You Keep It" competition.

The weather provided challenges with our Concert Series this year, and as such our attendance was down from our normal attendance – with an estimated attendance of 20. Two concerts were cancelled and we believe that the threat of weather and the two cancellations impacted the attendance, not the quality of the performers.

The Moultonborough Recreation Department had similar challenges that many Recreation Departments and other seasonal employers faced and that was that we did not have enough applicants to fill all of our positions. This provided several challenges throughout the summer.

Adult Programs: There were 48 pickleball players in session 1 of the Outdoor Pickleball program and 45 in the second. In addition, 60 individual people opted for the "drop-in" registration and attendance option. A fun pickleball jamboree was offered at the end of August with 16 competitors for that activity.

Ten people took the maiden voyage of the new bus on a mystery trip to see the Lupines, went to Polly's Pancake Parlor and other venues. Twenty-two traveled to Boothbay Harbor for the Cabbage Island Clambakes. The Granite Getaway Series unfortunately did not have enough interest for us to run the

trips. We are offering a Fall Foliage trip on Tuesday October 8th to include a trip to Cannon Mt., the Basin, a harvest buffet at Indian Head Resort and a trip across the Kanc. In addition, we'll be offering a series of shopping trips – once per month to the Tanger Outlets, Concord, North Conway etc. We have promoted these trips through the meals program as well as other sources i.e. newspaper, newsletter, flyers, etc. Pick-up will be at the Function Hall.

Fitness with a Difference meets at the Recreation Department on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. There are 15 adults enrolled in that program, which started June 18th and runs until September 26th.

We had 4 adult co-ed softball teams with 56 players.

Youth Sports: Youth soccer got underway last Saturday. We have added “High 5 Soccer” for 4 and 5 year olds who are not old enough for the kindergarten program. We have been impacted this season by the number of 6th graders who moved up to middle school soccer.

Youth volleyball gets underway this week. This program too has been impacted by the number of youth players who have moved up to middle level.

We had 10 children participated in Granite State Track and Field. Two athletes qualified for the State Final, although one was not able to go. The other young man qualified for the state final in all three events from the Regional Meet and he placed in all three of those events.

There were 31 softball players and 32 Tee ball players in our spring softball/baseball program. We introduced “High 5 Tee Ball” for 5 year olds who were not old enough for our other tee ball program. Fifteen baseball and softball players competed in the Pitch, Hit and Run Competition.

Capital Projects Update: The construction of the pavilion at Kraine Meadow Park is in progress. The ice rink dasher boards were re-bid and awarded with the installation most likely to be in November. The estimated time of installation for the bocce court at the park is mid-October.

Other Information: Dan and I will be attending the New Hampshire Recreation and Park Association Conference and Awards Banquet on Thursday September 19th . I serve on the Awards Committee for the Association. Dan is on the Executive Committee for NHRPA.

I will be attending the National Recreation and Park Association Conference in Baltimore September 24th – 26th. I am presenting at the National Conference.

Respectfully submitted by:
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