

Director's Report – RAB 11/9/2017

Youth Sports: Another successful youth soccer season came to a close at the end of October. We had 101 children participate this year. With the revised policy regarding 6th grade participation on middle level teams – we had four 6th grade soccer players choose to play at the middle level and not in the youth program.

In addition to the regular season we again offered a tournament team which this year was comprised of 5th graders with one 6th grader. This team played two games against the Pemi-Baker team; and then participated in the Mount Washington Valley Cup Tournament and the Carroll County Recreation Department's Tournament. Moultonborough was the runner-up in the MWV tourney and made a very strong showing in the CCRD tourney as well. Dan serves as tournament director for the CCRD Tourney (with some tournament day assistance from me). The tournament was held again this year at Moultonborough Academy.

We had 8 volleyball players with three sixth graders choosing to play middle level. One of the sixth graders participated in both the MA middle level and the Rec. team. This program is skill based with little competition since no other community in our area offers a similar program.

We are taking registrations now for the youth basketball program. The pre-season clinics were completed this week. Teams will be selected after the registration deadline with practices starting the week of November 27th. "In house" games are held in December with games with the BLYBL (Meredith) getting underway in January.

Other Youth Programs – The second session of the Beyond the Bell After School program begins next week. We had 23 children in the first session and currently have 17 enrolled in the second session, with expectations for this number to rise. The program runs 4 days a week from after school until 4:30 and participants are able to ride the late bus at 4:00 PM.

"Rec the Halls" vacation "camp" will be held on Thursday and Friday Dec. 21st and 22nd.

Special Events – The Halloween party, held on Friday October 27th, was another great success. We estimated over 250 people in attendance with 113 monsters, princesses etc. showing up for the costume judging, games and haunted hallway; about 30 youth and adult volunteers and many parents and grandparents.

Basketball Hoopla – held on Friday November 3rd was also a great success with approximately 150 people in attendance, including the men's and women's basketball teams from Plymouth State University who run fun stations and games with the children. We raffle prizes donated by PSU and the Rec. Dept.

Full Moon Hike – Held on Saturday evening November 4th attracted approximately 500 people to enjoy the hikes, the campfire, "meteor s'mores", hot cocoa and sweets. The full moon did not cooperate and remained veiled behind the clouds.

Adult Programs and Trips – Fitness with a Difference ended at the end of September.

We have a trip scheduled on Saturday January 9th to attend the play "A Christmas Carol" in Manchester at the Palace Theater; followed by lunch at the Olive Garden in Concord and a ride through the "Festival of Lights" in Loudon.

Pickle Ball moved inside to the Meredith Community Center the beginning of October and this program continues to be very popular.

We continue to host bridge at the Recreation Dept on Monday afternoons and Mah Jong on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons.

Toddlers – We have opened the Recreation Dept. for play time for toddlers and a parent (or other adult) on Thursday mornings from 10:00-11:00.

Other Information: Congratulations to Dan Sturgeon who was the recipient of the New Hampshire Recreation and Park Association's prestigious Don Heyliger Young Professional Award presented at the NHRPA state conference and awards banquet on September 13th.

Donna Tatro and Stephanie Poole from the Castle in the Clouds were asked to present information about the success of their collaborations at the NH Children in Nature Coalition's 10th Year Celebration and Workshop. Theirs was one of 4 initiatives asked to present as models for success in getting kids and families outdoors by working together. I serve on the Collaborative Leadership Team for the Children in Nature Coalition and also presented at the workshop.

Dan, Donna T and I will be attending the Northern New England Park and Recreation Conference in Bartlett in January. I will be one of the presenters at the conference this year.

Donna T and Sharon Gulla from the Moultonborough Library will be attending the Vermont Entertainment Showcase on November 16th.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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