

Director of Recreation Report
February 2013

Youth/Community Center

The Youth Center continues to do very well as we head into spring! The Recreation Room remains busy. February totals are; 721 total attendance and 51 unduplicated. Total attendance since January 1st is 1380. The unduplicated total is 206 children. Our goal this year is 750 unduplicated children and 6,000 total children.

Our Friday Night Teen Program continues to have steady attendance. Total attendance since January 1st is 398. The unduplicated total is 137 teens.

Winter Recreation Programs

Most of our Winter Recreation Programs are finishing up for this season. Below is a brief breakdown of these programs.

Youth Karate – Held at Espie’s Tang Soo Do Academy on Front Street on Mondays and Wednesdays. This program was offered to boys and girls ages 5-18. Program instructor was, once again, Dalen Espie. Dalen does a fantastic job with the kids and many participants continue to work with Dalen after our program ends.

Youth Bowling – held every Saturday and Sunday at Port Jervis Bowl. More than 100 children are participating. Program director is Sandy Hammond. This program continues to run and will end in April with an end of the season banquet.

Judo - Judo lessons are being held at the Youth Center every Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7pm. Classes are FREE of charge and open to boys and girls ages 10-18. To date we have 8 kids participating. We hope to increase this number very shortly.

Co-Ed Youth Basketball –80 boys and girls in grades 3-6 participated. This program is divided into two sessions, 3rd and 4th grades and 5th and 6th grades. For 9 weeks the kids were taught basketball fundamentals through skills and drills. In the last session, on February 23rd, all the kids participated in a skills competition and then attended an awards ceremony and pizza party. Special thanks to our instructors Dawn Jones, Scott Robertson, Christine Early, and Warren Ponds. Also – thanks to the Port Jervis School District Basketball coaches for their help with the 5th and 6th grade participants.

Co-Ed Youth Basketball League – This season 40 boys and girls in grades 5 and 6 competed on 4 different teams. This 8 game/8week season ended on Wednesday, February 27th. Carolina Grey beat Carolina Green for the championship. On Saturday, March 2nd we will hold our 5th Annual Cops and Kids Basketball Game. PJPD vs. our 6th graders. Game time is 11:00am at ASK. This game is open to the public and free of charge. We are asking spectators to bring canned food items or non-perishable goods as an entrance fee/donation. This year all the 6th graders will be able to complete in the half time hot-shot competition. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Special Events

1. On February 28th 23 adults and children attended the Rec sponsored field trip to Bushkill Pennsylvania to snow tube at Ferwood Resort. Everyone that attended had a great time and is already looking forward to next year.

Dates to Remember!

- Easter Candy Dash – Saturday, March 30, 2013 at 12 noon at Church St. Park
- Spring Clean Up – Saturday, April 7, 2013 at 10am-12pm at city playgrounds
- 20th Annual Delaware River Run – Sunday, May 5, 2013 at 9am.

**NEXT MEETING:
Wednesday, March 20, 2013
7:00pm**