

Director of Recreation Report January 2016

Youth/Community Center

The Youth Center has been very busy this year. The Recreation Room remains very crowded as we head into the cold winter months. *Total attendance in the Rec Room since January 1st is 658 children. The unduplicated total is 95 children. This averages 27 kids per day!*

The Teen Night program total attendance since January 1st stands at 58 teens. The unduplicated total stands at 25 teens. This averages 19 kids per Friday!!

Winter Programs

As you know we are sponsoring a handful of winter athletic programs this year. Below is a brief breakdown of these programs.

Youth Karate – held at Espie’s Tang Soo Do Academy on Front Street. This program will start in February 2016.

Youth Basketball Practice – held at the ASK gym on Saturday afternoons for boys and girls in grades 3-6. More than 85 children participate. Grades 3-4 participate from 12:00 pm-1:15 pm and grades 5 -6 participate from 1:30-3:00 pm. This program will run until February 27th. An award ceremony and pizza party will be held on February 27th for all participants. Thank you to all the Port Jervis Varsity and JV girls basketball coaches for coming down and helping us teach the kids.

Youth Basketball League – held at the ASK gym on Wednesday evenings for boys and girls in grades 5 and 6. 45 children participate. The league has 4 teams and the 8 game-season and playoffs will end March 3, 2016.

***8th Annual Cops vs. Kids Game - will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at 10:00 am at the ASK gym. Cops from the Port Jervis Police Department, Deerpark Police Department and Eastern Pike Police Department and the 6th grade boys and girls from our youth program will compete against each other. This year’s game will feature a half time “hot shot” competition for all the boys and girls. In lieu of an admission fee we are asking for donations of canned food items or non-perishable items. These items will be donated to a food pantry here in Port Jervis. Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 5th at 10:00am.**

Adult Basketball – is held at the ASK gym on Monday evenings from 8-10pm. Participants must be at least 18 years old, out of high school, and PJSD residents. This program will run through April 2016. Attendance has been steady since we started in mid- December. This program averages 20-25 adults per week.

Sleigh Riding Hill

The sleigh riding hill is set up at West End Beach. Children and adults can use the hill daily during daylight hours. No skis or snowboards are allowed. All we need is snow!!!!

FYI

1. Reminder that the Youth Center is open 11:00-3:00 on days when school is closed due to weather.
2. Snow Tubing Field Trip to Fernwood is scheduled for February 25, 2016. Cost is \$25 per person. Trip is sold out.
3. **Spring Calendar of Events:**
 1. March 19-20 Snowball's Chance Fat Bike Race on the newly developed trails in the watershed property. Time and exact location TBA.
 2. Saturday, March 26, 2016– Easter Candy Dash at Church St. Park at 1:30 pm.
 3. Saturday, April 9, 2016- Spring Clean-up- Spring Port Pride Day at City Parks – 10:00 am-12:00 pm.
 4. Sunday, May 1, 2016 – 23rd Annual Delaware River Run at 9:00am at the Erie Depot and Riverside Park.

Congratulations to Tom Hoppey and Dawn Jones for being elected as Chairman and Vice-Chair of the Recreation Commission for 2016.

**NEXT MEETING:
Thursday, February 19th
7:00 PM**