

Director of Recreation Report January 2013

Youth/Community Center

The Youth Center has done extremely well early this year. The Recreation Room remains very busy as we head into the heart of the winter. Total attendance in the Rec Room since January 1st is 659 children. The unduplicated total is 151 children. This averages to 30 kids per day.

The Teen Night program total attendance since January 1st stands at 161 teens. The unduplicated total stands at 41 teens. This averages to 40 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 Monday and Wednesday. This program is for boys and girls ages 5-18. Program started on January 28th and will run for 6 weeks. Program update will be in the February report.

Youth Bowling – held at PJ Bowl on Saturdays and Sundays for boys and girls ages 5-18. More than 100 children participate. This program will end in early spring and will also have a banquet for all the kids at its conclusion.

Youth Basketball – held at the ASK gym on Saturday afternoons for boys and girls in grades 3-6. More than 80 children participate. Grades 3-4 participate from 12:00pm-1:15pm and grades 5 -6 participate from 1:30-3:00pm. Program will run until February 23rd. An award ceremony and pizza party will be held on February 23rd for all participants.

Youth Basketball League – held at the ASK gym on Wednesday evenings for boys and girls grades 5 and 6. 40 children participate. The league has 4 teams and the 8 game season will end on February 27th.

5th Annual Cops vs. Kids Game - will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2013 at 11:00am at the ASK gym. Cops from the Port Jervis Police Department and 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 plus a 50/50 for all the spectators to participate in. All proceeds will go to DARE. No admission will be charged but we are asking for a canned food item from each spectator to be donated to a local food pantry. Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 2nd at 11:00am.

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 2013. Attendance has been steady since we started in mid- December. This program averages 20 adults per week.

All of these programs are doing well this winter. We have great instructors and the kids are really enjoying themselves.

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.

Snow Tubing Field Trip

We are sponsoring a snow tubing field trip to Fernwood Resorts in Bushkill, Pennsylvania on Thursday, February 28, 2013. Cost (including bus) is \$20/person. Tickets are limited so anyone interested should contact the Recreation Office soon. This event is for both children and adults. Hope you can make it.

FYI

1. The Youth Center will be open February 15th 11:00 –5:00pm and February 18th 11:00-3:00pm for President's Break.
2. Reminder that the Youth Center is open 11:00-3:00 on days when school is closed due to weather.
3. Special thanks to the Roadside Grill for partnering with us in collecting donations for the Youth Center and Recreation Department.
4. **Spring Calendar of Events:**
 1. Saturday, March 30th – Easter Candy Dash at 12 noon at Church St. Park
 2. Sunday, April 7th - Spring Clean up at 12 noon at city playgrounds
 3. Sunday, May 5th – 20th Annual Delaware River Run at 9:00am at the Erie Depot

Congratulations to Tom Hoppey and Luanne McCarthy for being elected as Chairman and Vice-Chair of the Recreation Commission for 2013.

**NEXT MEETING:
Thursday, February 28
7:00 PM**