

Director of Recreation Report January 2019

Youth/Community Center

Monday-Thursday 3 pm-7 pm, Friday 3 pm-6 pm

Teen Night- Fridays 6 pm- 10 pm

The Youth Center has had a steady turnout this year so far. The Recreation Room remains crowded as we head into the cold winter months. ***Total attendance in the Rec Room since January 1st is 416 children. That is an average of 20 kids per day.***

The Teen Night program total attendance since January 1st stands at 134 teens. That is an average of 33 teens every Friday night.

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 Basketball Practice – held at the ASK gym on Saturday afternoons for boys and girls in grades 3-6. More than 50 children participate. Grades 3-4 participate from 11:00 pm-12:15 pm and grades 5 -6 participate from 12:30-2:00 pm. This program will run until March 2nd. An award ceremony and pizza party will be held on February 23 for all participants.

Youth Basketball League – held at the ASK gym on Wednesday evenings for boys and girls grades 5 and 6. 26 children participate. The league has 4 teams and the 6 game-season will end February 27, 2019.

*10th *Tom Chuckran Annual Cops vs. Kids Game* - will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at **10:00 am** at the ASK gym. Cops from the Port Jervis Police Department, Deerpark Police Department and Eastern Pike Police Department along with 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 an item(s) to be donated to the Deerpark/Port Jervis Humane Society. Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 2 at 10:00am.

FREE Adult Basketball – is held at the ASK gym on Sunday mornings. Participants must be at least 18 years old, out of high school, and PJSD residents. This program will run through end of April 2019. Attendance has been steady since we started. This program averages 15-20 adults per week.

Indoor Youth Soccer- was held at the PJMS gym on Thursday evenings. We averaged between 7-12 kids per week. We offered a second winter session to start February 7 and run through March 7.

FREE Youth Volleyball- was held at the PJHS gym on Sunday mornings. Due to scheduling conflicts we weren't able to complete this program which was to end on February 3. There was a lot of interest, especially by boys so we will look to return this program next winter.

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. All we need is SNOW. Remember no skis or snowboards are allowed.

Field Trips

We have two trips scheduled this winter.

The first is a Snow Tubing trip at Fernwood Resort on Thursday February 28, 2019. Bus will leave PORT at 4:45 pm and return approximately 9:00 pm. We will snow tube between 6 pm- 8 pm. Participants must be at least 40 inches tall. Cost is only \$25 per person which includes your lift ticket and transportation.

The second trip is to Mohegan Sun Casino in Wilkes-Barre PA on Saturday March 9, 2019. A COACH bus will leave Port Jervis at 11:30 am and return approximately 7:30 pm. The cost is only \$30! At the casino you will receive \$25 in slot play and a \$5 food voucher. All participants must be 21 years old or older to attend. Join us for a great day at the casino!

FYI

1. Reminder that the Youth Center is open 11:00-3:00 on days when school is closed due to weather or holiday.
2. **Spring Calendar of Events:**
Saturday, April 6, 2019- Spring Port Pride Day Clean-up at City Parks – 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Saturday, April 20, 2019– “Egg”cellent Spring Races at Church St. Park at 11:00am
3. Sunday, May 5, 2019 – 26th 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 2019.

**NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, February 26, 2019
7:00 PM**