

## Fort Fairfield Recreation and Parks Happenings

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**Girls Youth Basketball**-Youth Basketball for girls in grades 1-3 will start on Saturday, November 19 with a practice/clinic at the Community Center from 12-1:15pm. The girls will also practice on Monday, November 21 from 6-7pm; Monday, November 28 from 6-7pm and Saturday, December 3 from 12-1:15pm. Teams will be assembled during this practice period and games will likely begin on Monday, December 5. **Youth Basketball for girls in grades 4-6** will start on Saturday, November 19 with a practice/clinic at the Community Center from 10:30-11:45am. The girls will also meet for practice on Wednesday, November 23 from 6-7pm; Wednesday, November 30 from 6-7pm and Saturday, December 3 from 10:30-11:45am. Teams will be assembled during this practice period with games likely beginning on Wednesday, December 7 and continuing through early February.

**Boys Youth Basketball**-Youth Basketball for boys in grades 1-3 will start on Saturday, November 19 with a practice/clinic at the Community Center from 1:30-2:45pm. These boys will also practice on Monday, November 21 from 7-8pm; Monday, November 28 from 7-8pm and Saturday, December 3 from 1:30-2:45pm. Teams will be assembled during this practice period and games will likely begin on Monday, December 5. **Youth Basketball for boys in grades 4-6** will start on Saturday, November 19 with a practice/clinic from 9-10:15am at the Community Center. Practice will continue on Wednesday, November 23 from 7-8pm; Wednesday, November 30 from 7-8pm and Saturday, December 3 from 9-10:15am. Teams will be assembled during this practice period and games will likely begin on Wednesday, December 7 and continue through early February.

**Youth Travel Team Basketball**-Boys and girls in grades 4-6 who are participating in the Fort Fairfield Youth Basketball program will have an opportunity to play on the boys or the girls travel basketball teams that represent our department. The boys and the girls team will play approximately 14 games with other recreation teams from throughout Aroostook County during the 2016-17 basketball season. Travel team games will begin the middle of January and end with the County Tournaments scheduled for the first two Saturdays in March. All players enrolled in the youth basketball program will receive more information regarding travel team basketball prior to the first scheduled practice which is tentatively set for January 5, 2017.

**Morning Matinee**-The parks and recreation department is sponsoring a trip to the Caribou Cinema to see TROLLS on Wednesday, November 23. The movie begins at 10:00am. Transportation will depart from the community center at 9:30am and return at approximately 12:00 noon. You must be at least nine years of age to attend or be accompanied by a responsible chaperone. The cost is \$6 which includes bus transportation, admission to the movie, popcorn and a soda.

**Co-ed Volleyball**-Starting on Sunday, October 30 Co-ed volleyball for ages 16 and over will held at the Fort Fairfield Community Center every Sunday evening from 6-8pm through the end of April 2017. The program is informal with teams being selected each night from all those in attendance. There is no charge to participate in the program and all are welcome.

**Indoor Walking/Exercise**-The community center gymnasium is open to the public for walking/exercise Monday through Friday from 6:00am-12:00 noon (except holidays). The hours are subject to change and will be posted accordingly. There is no charge to use the facility for this activity and all are welcome.

**Adult Basketball**-The community center will be open for adult basketball on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm starting on Thursday, October 27. Beginning Tuesday, November 22 adult basketball will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm. Play is informal with teams being selected each night from all those in attendance. The cost is \$2 each night. If there is sufficient interest amongst all players, we will organize a league and have scheduled play for each team.

**Skating at the Forum**-Fort Fairfield residents can skate for free at the Forum in Presque Isle beginning on Saturday, December 24 and continuing through Sunday February 26, 2017. In order to gain access to the Forum for free skating, each Fort Fairfield resident must present picture identification at the ticket window that indicates proof of residency. Skate rentals are available at the Forum and you must pay for your own rentals.

**Cross-Country Ski Rentals**-The Parks and Recreation Department is renting out cross-country ski packages again this winter to boys and girls in grades 2-8 starting in December. The cost to rent a complete ski package for the entire ski season is \$25 for the first family member and \$20 for each additional child in the family. Contact the parks and recreation department (472-3882) to make an appointment to pick up a ski package for your child for the season.

**Cross-Country Skiing and Snowshoeing at the NHC**-Outdoor winter enthusiasts are reminded that the Nordic Heritage Center, located just six miles from downtown Fort Fairfield, has over 12 miles of groomed cross-country ski trails and over 20 miles of snowshoe trails that are open to the public seven days a week once the snow arrives. Daily use of the trails is free of charge and all who use the venue are encouraged to join the Nordic Heritage Sport Club and lend your support for the continued operation and upkeep of the Nordic Heritage Center and its programs.

**Youth Ski Program**-The parks and recreation department will be conducting an after school ski program again this winter for grades 2-6 beginning on Thursday, February 2, 2017 and ending when the snow is gone (usually early April). The program will be held on Thursday afternoons from 3:00-4:15pm (3:00-5:00pm on days we go to the Nordic Heritage Center). Skiers will meet in the Fort Fairfield Elementary School Cafeteria directly after school for the program. Participants will be taught the basics of cross-country skiing, proper ski care, and all sorts of fun ski games and activities. There is no charge to participate. Ski rentals are available for those who need equipment.

**Open Gymnasium**- The community center gymnasium is open for free play basketball on Friday and Saturday evenings from 6:00-8:30pm and on Sunday afternoons from 12:00-3:00pm. All participants are reminded that street sneakers and shoes are not allowed on the gym floor.

**Please Return Uniforms**-A reminder to all that the parks and recreation department is still missing several uniforms that have not yet been returned by participants from programs and activities held this past year (and years prior). If you have any uniforms that belong to the parks and recreation department, please return them to the Fort Fairfield Town Office or the recreation and parks department office at the community center. In order for us to continue providing youth activities at little or no cost to the children of Fort Fairfield, we rely on these uniforms being returned in a timely manner after each sports season. Thank You!