

NRD Summer REC. is off to a Splashing Start!

Summer 2024 Programs & Activities

The Town of Newstead Recreation Department offers the following programs for Summer '24... AM Fitness & Fun, AM REC/PM REC, After Hours Swim, Field Trip Fridays & Special Events.

Highlights for the six weeks of the NRD Summer Recreation Season include the following...

Week #1: Staff Day, Opening Day, Sport of the Week - Basketball, NRD Core Value - *Commitment*, the 4th of July Parade, and a Field Trip to Akron Falls Park.

Week #2: Sport of the Week - Hockey (Field & Floor), NRD Core Value - *Fairness*, and a Field Trip to both the Newstead Public Library as well as Russell Park.

Week #3: Sport of the Week - Racquets (or Rackets) and Clubs (Pickleball, Tennis, & Golf), NRD Core Value - *Honesty*, & a Field Trip to Destroyer Park Golf.

Week #4: Sport of the Week - Baseball and/or Softball, NRD Core Value - *Passion*, a bus excursion to the Buffalo Bison's Game, and a Field Trip to Brooklyn Park.

Week #5: Sport of the Week - Soccer, NRD Core Value - *Respect*, a Special Event - the annual NRD Olympics, and a Field Trip to Darien Lake Theme Park.

Week #6: Sport of the Week - Flag Football, NRD Core Value - *Service*, and 2 Special Events - "Let's Can Hunger", and the NRD FUN RUN at Vet's Park to benefit "Go Gold for Lucas!"

The last scheduled day for NRD Staff is August 9th... just in time for the start of Fall sports.

In addition, there will be a Week 7 program - LEGO Camp offered by a 3rd party provider.

NRD Summer Rec. Calendars were distributed to the ACS Elementary and Middle Schools.

This information is also now available on the town website and the newsteadrec website.

Registration Process:

As of Monday, July 8th at 12 noon, there are now more than 900 total registrations for all programs/activities combined. Some programs have reached their caps; yet others remain open. Please do not delay, sign-up today to get in on the action and "Fitness & Fun for Everyone!"

To register, participants are encouraged to set up family accounts at any time and may register for Summer Recreation on-line at www.newsteadrec.com or in line at the Newstead Town Hall.

For the convenience of on-line registration, a modest processing fee is assessed and invoiced.

Please note: There are "caps" on programs, which will be filled on a first-paid, first-serve basis.

In addition, registrations are not complete until paid, and there are no refunds on registrations.

Leadership Team, Summer Rec. Staffing, and Application Deadline

The Town of Newstead Summer 2024 Recreation Department Programs will be led by Director Dan Roland and the following Program Coordinators: Lauren Bergman (Arts & Crafts), Olivia McClaine/Alexandra Roland (Gym), Jeff Owen (Sports), Emerson Polkowski (Aquatics), and Loriann Henley (Pickleball). The Program Coordinators are responsible for POLE - planning, organizing, leading, and evaluating their respective programs. This core leadership team sets the standards for Program Attendants, who support the program needs and serve youth participants. Proposed candidates have now all been approved by the Recreation Board and the Town Board. Approved Program Attendants/substitutes (in alphabetic order) for Su. '24 include the following: Madison Brege, Aaron Cain, Madison Esmond, Joe Farinacci, Adam Farrell, Megan Gates, Bo Izydorczak, Sophia Jones, Julia Klodzinski, Whitley Koopman, Gracie Leiker, Conlan Luck, Macie Matusek, Iva Meyers, Olivia Novak, Payton Palizay, Cameron Reuben, Alex Schrock, Tyler Stahl, Vinny Stollo, Caleb Suckow, Canyon Sundown, and Morgan Tomporowski.

Lifeguard Certification Courses

In preparation for the upcoming 2024 Town of Newstead Summer Recreation Season... The NRD offered American Red Cross (ARC) Lifeguard Training and Certification Courses. In total, ten individuals participated and earned their Lifeguard Certification. Of those, three are on the NRD Aquatics Staff List for this Summer. In the blended learning program, participants completed on-line assignments and Field (Pool) Training/Testing. In accord with past protocol, certification costs will be reimbursed for candidates gaining NRD employment this year.

NRD Mission, Core Values, Functions and Board Members and Contact Info.:

The Recreation Department mission reads as follows: "The Town of Newstead Recreation Department is committed to providing residents of the Town of Newstead, Tonawanda Territory, Akron Central School District, and Students of the Akron Central School District with a variety of enjoyable and meaningful physical fitness programs and leisure activities that promote individual development and teamwork in a safe and positive environment."

The role of the Rec. Board is to further the mission of the Recreation Department, by adhering to its core values: Commitment, Fairness, Honesty, Passion, Respect, Resourcefulness, and Service and improving its functional areas: activities/programming, budgeting/ appropriations, facility management, organizational development, and publicity/public relations. The next scheduled Rec. Bd. Meeting is set for August 1st at 6:30pm in the Town Hall Conference Room.

The Newstead Recreation Board includes the following members: Joel Gregorio (Chair), Bo Izydorczak (Secretary), Adam Massaro, Tim Morgan, Melissa Polkowski, Jason Pragle, Mike Schilling, and Alicia Tomporowski. The Town Board Liaisons are Councilmembers Pope and Burke. The ACS Board Liaison is Bob Masse. A special thanks to the Rec. Bd., Town Bd. and ACS Board and Administration for their support... It is through their collective efforts that the Newstead Recreation Department continues to thrive!

While the Town of Newstead, the Recreation Board, and Rec. Staff are the official caretakers of the Recreation Department, it takes the collective efforts of the community to be truly successful. Residents with suggestions for the betterment of the Recreation Department are asked to please contact a Rec. Bd. Member or Recreation Director, Dan Roland, via cell phone (716) 392-7657.