

## Rec. Dept. Marches On!

### Program Information:

With March around the corner, most NRD programs promise a few more weeks of action! The Newstead Recreation Department continues to offer “Fitness and Fun” for its more than 400 total registrants. Some NRD programs have reached capacity; yet, many remain *Open!* Note: Programs are tentative, pending registration numbers and staff availability. FYI... Programs, which started the first week of November, are planned to conclude by Mid-March.

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Status</b>
Monday	7:00-8:30pm	Community Swim	ACS Pool	<i>Open</i>
	7:00-9:00pm	Boy’s Baseball	Gym 2 & 2C	<i>Open</i>
	7:00-9:00pm	Girl’s Softball	Gym 3 & 2C	<i>Open</i>
Tuesday	6:00-8:00pm	KidNastics	Elem. Gym	<i>Open</i>
	6:00-7:00pm	Sphero Robotics	MS Cafeteria	<i>Closed</i>
	7:00-9:00pm	Youth Co-Ed Soccer	Gym 2	<i>Open</i>
	7:30-9:00pm	Adult Co-Ed Volleyball	Gym 3	<i>Open</i>
Wednesday	7:00-8:30pm	Community Swim	ACS Pool	<i>Open</i>
	7:00-9:00pm	Youth Football/Hockey	Gym 2	<i>Open</i>
	7:30-9:00pm	Adult Co-Ed Basketball	Gym 3	<i>Open</i>
Thursday	6:00-8:00pm	Girl’s Cheerleading	Elem. Gym	<i>Closed</i>
	7:00-9:00pm	Boys Lacrosse (4-8)	Gym 2	<i>Open</i>
	7:30-9:00pm	Adult Co-Ed Pickleball	Gym 3	<i>Closed</i>
Saturday	11am-2pm	Youth Swim Lessons	ACS Pool	<i>Open</i>
	12:00m-1:30pm	Boys Lacrosse (K-3)	Gym 2	<i>Open</i>
	1:30pm-3:00pm	Youth Co-Ed Sat. REC	Gym 2	<i>Open</i>

### “Scout Swim Nights”

The Akron Girl Sout Service Unit/Troop #305 Night Out is scheduled for next Monday, 3/2 from 7-8:30pm. Previously, the Akron/Newstead Cub Scout Pack #531 Night Out was held Wednesday, 1/21. Note: All affiliated scouts and leaders are required to register in advance. As a courtesy for their service to community, there is no registration fee for these nights!

### KidNastics:

This is a renewed NRD program for Winter 2026! It is a child-friendly version of gymnastics with basic rolls and tumbles, commonly integrated into physical education classes and recreational programs. It simplifies instruction into easy steps, organizes content around tasks, increases movement and mobility, provides skill development and sequences, and requires little to no spotting. The program is held in the ACS Elementary School Gym on Tuesdays from 6-7:30pm. Now, it’s time to get in on the action... “Sign up today!”

### Registration Process:

For your convenience, set-up family accounts and register on-line at [www.newsteadrec.com](http://www.newsteadrec.com) or at the Newstead Town Hall. For the benefit of on-line registration, a modest processing fee is assessed and invoiced. Please note that there are “caps” - a limited number of openings for the programs, which are filled on a first-paid, first-serve basis. Notes: Registration is not complete until paid. “Wait Lists” are monitored and adjustments are made as appropriate.

## **Leadership Team, and Staff:**

Fall 2025-Spring 2026 Rec. Dept. Programs will be guided by the NRD Leadership Team of: Director Dan Roland, Assistant Director Jen Burden, and numerous Program Coordinators... Loriann Blenker (Pickleball), Jen Burden (Aquatics & Volleyball), Bill Cayea (Sphero Robotics), Madison Esmond (Softball), Clark Killian (Baseball), Jamie Kingsland & Ian Will (Soccer), Joe Laughlin (Football/Hockey), Ryan Lemieux (Basketball), Olivia McClaine (KidNastics), Jason Pragle (Lacrosse), and Jennifer Youngman (Cheerleading). Program Coordinators are responsible for POLE - Planning, Organizing, Leading, and Evaluating their respective programs. This core leadership team sets the standards for all other NRD Staff.

The Proposed Staff List of 2025-26 NRD Coordinators, Attendants, and Volunteers was reviewed and approved by the Town Board. The Staff Members hired were expected to attend the NRD Staff Orientation/Training Meeting at the beginning of the current season. Joining the NRD Program Coordinators named above are these active Program Attendants: Brodie Carlson, Samantha Crooks, Nick Fry, Madison Gates, Megan Gates, Aron Gehl, Ben Gerstung, Brock Lamont, Olivia McClaine, Logan Meyers, Charles Rebmann III, Alexis Salmon, Addison Shrock, Alex Schrock, and Cara Swader.

Additional Volunteer Coaches include: Theresa Cholnik (Cheer), Rob Esmond (Softball), Christine Judd (Cheer), and Adam Massaro (Softball).

In preparation for this NRD Season, a Lifeguard Certification Course was conveniently offered through an American Red Cross Instructor at the ACS Pool. In total, six new certifications and recertifications were earned. The program included both on-line preparation and on-deck training. NRD employees are eligible for reimbursement.

## **Mission and Board:**

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 mission of the Recreation Department is built on the foundation of the NRD core values: Accountability, Commitment, Fairness, Honesty, Passion, Respect, Resourcefulness, and Service. The mission is attained through an emphasis on the five NRD functional areas: budget/appropriations, facility/venue management, organization/human development, programs/activities, and publicity/public relations.

NRD meetings with Liaisons and the Town Board were held in September and December. The current Town of Newstead Town Board Liaisons are Edmund Burke and Mike Mutter. The current ACS Board Liaisons are Heather Cayea and Joe Cena. It is through these relationships and collective efforts that the Rec. Dept. continues to grow and flourish!

While the Town of Newstead, the NRD Leadership Team, and Rec. Staff are the official and recognized stewards/ 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 the Recreation Director, Dan Roland, via cell phone at #392-7657 or email [droland@townofnewstead.com](mailto:droland@townofnewstead.com). Thanks for your support!