

Town of Manchester Leisure, Family and Recreation
Upcoming Programs & Events
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What's Happening in the World of the...

Recreation Division

39 Lodge Drive (main office), 860-647-3084

Membership & Registration

Membership: The new membership year began September 1st and with it came our exciting new card system! Now youth, adults and seniors of Manchester can choose between a wallet sized card, or key chain sized cards, which will be renewed year to year instead of printing new cards every year. Membership cards can be obtained at the Center Springs Main Office, Community Y Rec Center and Customer Service at Town Hall. Senior cards can also be purchased at the Senior Center. Please note that youth cards can no longer be processed at the libraries. Proof of residency is required each year when obtaining your card to verify current resident status. Membership cards are valid at all of our rec centers, indoor and outdoor pools, as well as the Fitness Center at the Community Y Rec Center. Come visit us today!

Program Registration: Please note that the Winter/Spring program (January – May) registration will begin Wednesday, December 13th for residents and Friday, December 15th for non-residents. Registration can be done online, in person, or over the phone. Payment, when applicable, is due at the time of registration; online and phone registration can be processed using Visa or MasterCard. Our full winter/spring program brochure will be available online at recreation.townofmanchester.org by clicking the Brochures link, by the end of this week!

Aquatics

Swim with Santa: Santa is stopping by the Manchester High School Main Pool for a swim and this is your change to join him! Bring your swim suit, camera and wish list to make the most of your visit. This event is free of charge, but we ask that you bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the MACC Food Pantry. Children must have a valid recreation card to enter the pool and an adult over 18 years of age must accompany small children in the water. No need to pre-register. In the event of inclement weather, Swim with Santa will be cancelled as Santa has a tight schedule! Join us on Saturday, December 9th from 12:00 – 1:00pm!

Now Hiring – Water Safety Instructors: Looking for Water Safety Instructors to teach swimming lessons to youth 6 months – 12 years of age. Hours are flexible including nights and weekends. Pay begins at \$12.50/hr. Visit recreation.townofmanchester.org and click on General Information for a job description and application!

Adult Programming

Team Fit After Work: Team Fit provides participants with challenging, yet motivating, strength and cardiovascular conditioning sessions that include a variety of innovative exercises to improve your overall fitness. Sign up for Mondays, Wednesdays, or both! This class takes place at the Center Springs Activity Room from 5:00 – 5:45pm. The new sessions of Team Fit After Work started this week, so be sure to register soon!

Pickleball: Register now for Pickleball which takes place at the Nathan Hale Activity Center, 160 Spruce Street. Pickleball is now on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:00 – 8:00pm. Register today by visiting reconline.townofmanchester.org, or by calling 860-647-3084!

See Aquatics above for Adult Aquatic Fitness information.

Youth Programming

Basketball Clinic & Lunch: Be the next Hall of Famer! Learn from experienced coed high school and college basketball players through a series of skill stations. Participants will have the opportunity to have lunch and interact with athletes

then play and compete in a variety of organized tournaments. This wonderful clinic is for 7 – 12 year olds and will take place at the Mahoney Rec Center on Saturday, January 13th from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Please note this program is free and for Manchester residents only. There are only 8 spots left open, so register soon!

Girls Pee Wee Basketball: The Girls Pee Wee league is held at the Mahoney Rec Center on Saturdays from January 13 – March 3 for youth ages 8 – 9. Learn basic basketball skills such as teamwork, shooting, passing, defense, offense and dribbling. A Mandatory Evaluation Clinic will be held on December 13th at 6:15pm, so be sure to register your child soon!

Indoor Soccer: Recreation offers an indoor soccer program for ages 5 – 6 and 7 – 8. Your child will learn the basic skills of soccer such as dribbling, trapping, defense shooting and passing, as well as the concept of team work and hard work. Indoor Soccer starts on Sunday, January 21st at the Mahoney Rec Center and costs \$30.00. Be sure to register soon as there are limited spots left open!

Santa Calls: On Friday, December 8th Santa will be making house calls from 4:30 – 7:30pm out of the main office! If you are interested in having Santa call your child, be sure to pick up a request form from the Center Springs Main Office, Community Y Rec Center, or Customer Service at Town Hall. Forms must be returned to the main office by Thursday, December 7th. Happy Holidays!

Snowcial: Celebrate the most wonderful time of year while building relationships and connecting with peers just before the winter break. Come join us in what should be a wonderful night filled with music and dancing! Snowcial 2017 will take place at Bennet Leisure Center on Friday, December 15th from 6:00 – 8:00pm for Bennet students. The fee is \$5.00 per person and includes dinner and prizes!

Mural Madness: Work closely with staff and a local artist to learn how to make a mural. Students will also participate in a local art show and create and install a mural in Manchester! Join us on Thursday nights at the Bennet Leisure Center from 6:15 – 7:15pm.

Bennet Leisure Center Clubs and Programs: Bennet Leisure Center is a recreation center that provides programming for 6th graders, weekday evening drop-in recreation programs and family community events. Residents can also use this site to register for programs and obtain recreation passes. There is no fee, but Recreation cards are required. Come to 22 School Street Monday – Friday from 6:00 – 9:00pm to join in on fun programs such as Dodgeball, Flag Football, Creative Arts and our Game Activity Club!

Nathan Hale Drop In Rec: Drop-in basketball, board games, active games, arts & crafts and more have started at the Nathan Hale Activity Center, 160 Spruce Street, for children ages 5 – 18. There is no fee, but Recreation cards are required. Come join us on Saturdays from 12:00 – 5:00pm!

Start Smart: The Start Smart program is for children ages 3 – 5 to work together with their parents in a supportive environment to learn the basics of sport. Start Smart Soccer began in October and filled up rather quickly, but there will be plenty of opportunity to register for future programming. Start Smart Basketball will begin in February, so don't miss out on the registration next week!

See Aquatics above for Swim with Santa information.

Office of Neighborhoods and Families Division

153 Spruce Street, 860-647-3089

Free Family Fun Nights

Let's Rock! Bring your holiday and family memories (photos, postcards, figurines and knick knacks) and make a memory stone for your family to treasure forever, or paint a rock alongside our featured artist! Let's Rock Free Family Fun Night will feature BHF Imagination Playground, an indoor play experience for children 0-5. Join us at Gallery 153, 153 Spruce Street, on Friday, January 5th from 6:30 – 8:00pm.

Youth Programming

Write Out Loud Open Mic Nights: Come take part in youth-led poetry and hip hop dance workshops and then close your night with performing and/or cheering on others who display their talent and creativity in front of an encouraging audience! Open Mic Nights will be at the Eastside Neighborhood Resource Center, 153 Spruce Street. Performers will be

youth ages 13 – 19 and the audience/workshop attendees will be of all ages! The next Write Out Loud Open Mic Night will be on Friday, December 15 from 5:00 – 8:00pm. This is a free drop-in program, so come join us!

Youth Service Bureau Division

63 Linden Street, 860-647-5213

Early Childhood Programming

Early Childhood Center: There are many wonderful programs underway at the Early Childhood Center at Northwest Park. Programs such as Cradle to Crayons, Mommy & Me Playgroup and the Learn & Play Workshop started in September and continue to thrive. Partners in Play programming such as Happy Together, Wonder Years and Wee Two had new sessions that began in November. Programs at the Early Childhood Center tend to fill quickly, so don't miss out on registration next month for the next session of classes in January!

Teen Programming

Mother Daughter Circle: The purpose of the circle is to promote a healthy and sustaining bond between mothers/guardians and their daughter during the transitional years from girlhood to young womanhood. Dinner is provided. Mother Daughter Circle is for females ages 11 – 15 and there is no fee. A new session of Mother Daughter Circle just began, so don't wait to register!

Teen Center: The YSB Teen Center is open Monday – Friday from 2:30 – 5:30pm. Teens are asked to bring their recreation cards as they will now be swiped at the Teen Center. If your child does not have a recreation card, they can now obtain one right at the Teen Center!

Miscellaneous

Hat, Glove, Scarf & Coat Drive: YSB's Teen Center is looking for new hats, gloves, scarves and gently used coats for Manchester youth. There is a demand for these items and any donation is greatly appreciated. Items can be dropped off weekdays between 8:00am – 4:30pm at the Youth Service Bureau - 63 Linden Street, or Customer Service at Town Hall – 41 Center Street. Thank you for your generosity!