

HUMBOLDT RECREATION DEPARTMENT

JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

HELLO TO ALL OUR MEMBERS,

Happy New Year to all of our members! As we enter 2025, we are thankful for the support our department and facilities receive from our members, guests, and community. In the new year, we look forward to improving and adding to our facilities, programs, and opportunities for our community to enjoy all forms of recreation. To start the new year, we would like all of our members, participants, and community to take our Recreation Department end of year survey to help guide us for the year ahead. This survey can be found on our Humboldt Parks & Recreation Facebook page & sent out via email. We are excited to see what 2025 has to bring for our whole department.

This month at the Recreation Center will be busy with new & existing members and youth/adult programming. To date we have not had to worry about any winter weather, but when the snow and ice decide to come, please pay attention to our Facebook page and email campaigns for weather related closings. This month, we will be hosting the Girls' Booster Basketball Tournament on January 11th. On January 11th, the basketball courts & pickleball courts will be closed from 7am to 5pm, but the rest of the facility (track, weight room, classrooms, batting cage) will be open for members to utilize. Don't forget that all classes are now included in our membership fees and available to all members. Also, regarding classes, during scheduled class times the classrooms are closed to other members. The Humboldt Recreation is excited to welcome our new personal trainer, Matthew Beltran! You will begin to see Matthew around the Rec Center and he will be holding weight room hours where he will be present to assist members with machines, answer questions, and help with lifting form. Also, Matthew is working on putting together some new classes to host at HRC! If you are interested in personal training with Matthew, please stop at the front desk to fill out a personal training interest form. All personal training consultations are free and personal training fees can be found in the information tray in the front lobby. Keep an eye out for Matthew's weight room hours & new classes and welcome him if you see him around!

Lastly, regarding the Recreation Center we want to highlight and remind members of a couple policies. First, please remember that all children from 0 – 3rd grade must be DIRECTLY supervised by an adult or guardian 16yo+ while in the facility. All children in 4th-6th grade must be ACCOMPANIED by an adult or guardian 16yo+ but are free to use areas of the facility without direct supervision. Please keep in mind that all children (0-6th grade) should not be on any weight equipment or cardio equipment unless being directly supervised by an adult. Lastly, regarding our youth policy, members must be at least 16yo to bring in any siblings that have not completed 6th grade and children must have completed 6th grade to receive their own membership card and utilize the facility alone. Secondly, for members using the batting cage, please be cognizant and respectful of the time spent in the batting cage. As we are getting closer to baseball/softball season the usage on the batting cage is picking up and a lot of people are wanting to use it. We ask that when using the batting cage to limit time to 1hr to allow people waiting a chance to get in. If you want to reserve a specific time or host a team practice the cost for members is \$20/hr and must be done 24hrs in advance. Lastly, please make sure you wipe down all equipment & machines after each use to help keep our facility clean and free from spreading germs. Our staff does clean and sanitize all equipment each night, but it is still very important to wipe things down after each use. If you ever have concerns about policies not being followed or issues in the facility, please report it to the staff at the front desk so it can be resolved promptly. We are looking forward to a great 2025 at the HRC and we are excited for all of the new things we have planned.

The Recreation Department is extremely excited to be able to begin programming again after a slow December month. Registration is currently open for 1st-2nd grade basketball (with a late fee) (1/10), Men's & Women's Pickleball leagues (1/10), PreK-Kindergarten Mini Cats Sports Clinic (limited to 20 participants & requires parent/guardian participation), 3rd-6th grade Multisport Mashup Madness, 3rd-6th grade Track Clinic, and Outdoor Soccer. Like last year, our Mini Cats Sports Clinic is for PreK-Kindergarten children and is designed as a clinic introducing basics including throwing, kicking, etc. This clinic does require a parent or guardian to participate with the child and will be limited to 20 participants (11 spots remaining). This will be our third year having our Multisport

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 10th
 - Deadline for Men's, & Women's Pickleball League
- January 11th
 - Girls' Booster Basketball Tournament 8am to 4pm
- January 12th
 - Men's Basketball Starts
- January 21st
 - 1st-2nd Grade Basketball Starts

REC SPORTS

- Sundays
 - Men's Basketball League
- Tuesdays
 - 1st – 2nd grade Basketball
- Thursdays
 - 1st-2nd grade Basketball

Mashup Madness which is for 3rd-6th graders and includes playing a variety of fun games and sports and serves as a fun way to promote physical activity, socialization, and sportsmanship. We are still accepting Men's basketball teams for our winter league that begins on Sunday, January 12th at the ALPHA gym. All these programs can be found and registered for through the self-service portal, by using the links on our Facebook Page, or by stopping into the Humboldt Recreation Center. Also, don't forget that UDMO provides registration assistance for all youth rec programs. In 2025, we are excited to continue expanding our programs and events and find more ways to serve our community.

It is still cold outside, but we are already looking forward to the 2025 season at the Humboldt Family Aquatic Center. Applications are currently available for an Aquatic Center Manager, Head Guards, Lifeguards, and Admissions/Concessions staff. If you are interested in applying for the Aquatic Center Manager position, please stop into the Humboldt Recreation Center for an application or email paxtonp@cityofhumboldt.org. Applications for all other summer positions at the Aquatic Center must be completed through our online application that can be found on our Facebook page or City of Humboldt website. All applications are due by February 28th and all returning staff must reapply. We offer competitive pay, end-of-season bonuses, free training, and a fun work environment for the summer months. Apply today to join our team for the 2025 season!

Lastly, our entire department wants to say thank you for all the continued support we receive, as we do our best with all areas of the Recreation Department. Always, we want to remind all of our members, participants, coaches, parents, and community to please come to us with any questions or concerns regarding equipment, policies, programs, events and facilities. Once again, we are so thankful for the continued support we receive from our members and community and we are excited to continue expanding our services for you! The Humboldt Recreation Department is thrilled to begin a new year with our members and community, and we are excited to see what the future holds!