

HUMBOLDT RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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HELLO TO ALL OUR MEMBERS,

With Summer coming to end and school resuming for another year the Humboldt Recreation Department is gearing up for a busy fall. This fall we will be busy with youth and adult sports, new special events, and busy facilities. As the seasons begins to change so does the Recreation Department's priorities and offerings. We are looking forward to another fall of serving our community and providing recreation opportunities for all members of our community.

As we enter September at the Recreation Center, we are starting to see usage picking up as well as a full slate of activities! On September 2nd the Rec Center will be closed for Labor Day and will reopen Tuesday at 5am. This month we will also be returning to normal hours which means open until 7pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Our Kids Zone has also resumed normal hours and is open from 5pm to 8pm Mondays-Fridays and Saturday 9am to Noon. Families must have a family membership to utilize the Kids Zone and parents must check in their children. All classes have resumed normal schedules, and any cancellations or changes will be posted to our Facebook page. Also, there will be no evening classes on Thursday, September 5th due to the downtown Cy-Hawk Celebration. This month, the Rec Center will be having youth volleyball on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The basketball courts & pickleball courts will be closed during this time, but the rest of the facility will be open for members. As always, we will do our best to keep spectators and crowds out of the way of members utilizing the facility. With football season approaching please remember that the parking spots facing the facility will be reserved for members using the facility. If you are using the parking lot for game parking please use the East lot or the spots facing the road. If you are just getting back to the swing of coming into the Rec Center, you will notice a few new faces at the front desk. We would like to welcome Irlanda, Larsen, Salem, and Weston to our staff and do want to remind members to be patient as they learn policies and the software. With school back in session we do want to remind everyone that children that have complete 6th grade can come in alone, but to bring in younger siblings they must be at least 16. Lastly, please remember that food and drink (except water) are not allowed on the track surface, basketball courts, or pickleball courts. If you have questions about events, classes, or closures please talk to a staff member at the front desk.

Heading into September, we are hitting the ground running with fall programming! Volleyball and Flag Football are starting this month and we are so thrilled by the number of participants and parents willing to help out! Registration is still open for Mini Milers (**closes 9/6**) which is a cross country program for participants in 3rd-6th grade and will be coached by Nikki Rasmussen. Mini Milers will begin on September 28th and will take place at Lower Sheldon Park.

Registration can be completed online or in person at the Humboldt Recreation Center. Registrations will be opening soon for 3rd-6th grade Rec basketball. Reminder that mini cat's basketball (Prek - K) and 1st-2nd basketball will take place in January/February and registration for these programs are not yet open. Our Flag Football program is excited to partner with the HHS Football Team and offer a Rec Football Night at the home football game against North Polk on September 20th. All flag football participants will get into the game for free and are asked to wear their jerseys. Also, the Flag Football teams will get a chance to play on the high school field under the lights on Thursday,

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 2nd
 - Closed – Labor Day
- September 5th
 - No evening classes
- September 9th
 - Mini Milers Registration Deadline
- September 20th
 - Corporate Sponsorships due
 - Flag Football Night @ HHS Game
- September 26th
 - Flag Football under the lights @ HHS Field
- September 28th
 - Mini Milers Starts

REC SPORTS

- Sundays
 - Co-Ed Volleyball
- Tuesdays
 - 3rd/4th Volleyball
- Thursdays
 - 5th-6th Volleyball
- Saturdays
 - Prek – K Coach Football
 - 1st – 6th Flag Football

September 26th. More information on these two flag football events will be sent out soon. If you didn't receive a Humboldt Recreation Department Fall/Winter program guide they are available on the front desk of the Rec Center and highlight our youth/adult sports, special programming, and events for the upcoming Fall and Winter seasons. The Humboldt Recreation Department is looking for businesses to sponsor our youth programs and special events. If you or company is interested and did not receive a letter please reach out to Paxton Petersen, Recreation Director, for more information. Lastly, all updates on Rec Department sports, programming, and events can be found on the Humboldt Parks & Recreation Department Facebook page (separate from the HRC page). We are working on some new special events and can't wait to announce them so keep your eyes peeled for this information. Our department is elated to have a full slate of activities starting this month and seeing all our participants!

In other Recreation Department news, the Humboldt Community Center is finishing up the final phase of our remodel with the exterior work being started this month. For those you are not aware, the Humboldt Community Center, located on 1st Ave S, is a great place to host your birthday party, graduation, reunions, family events, or meetings. This facility just received a major interior renovation and is currently undergoing exterior renovations with the help of the Humboldt Community Foundation Grant. If you are interested in renting the Humboldt Community Center please reach out to Paxton Petersen for more information on available dates, policies, and cost.

The Humboldt Recreation Department is going to be in full swing this month with programs, sports, new updates and special events! We are so thankful that we are able to do all of these different things for our community and for the support we receive for local companies, businesses, and individuals. Our goal is to serve and provide services for our community as a whole and if you ever have any ideas, questions, or concerns please reach out to us!