

RECREATION COMMISSION

We began 2009 with the conclusion of our basketball season. Both the 3/4 boys and the 3/4 girls participated in the Hanover tournament as well as the Windsor tournament. If you got the chance to see any of these games you were fortunate to see some great and very exciting basketball. Both teams played very well and it was a lot of fun. Congratulations on a great season.

Our baseball and softball program started the spring out. Grades 3 and 4 baseball had a team of 11 boys and the softball had 15 girls. Practices were held at Prescott Field and Cory Taber Field. Both these teams played other area teams and home games were played on Prescott Field.

The annual fishing derby was held on June 6th this past year. Participation was down at around 50. Trophies were given to all four age groups. Hot dogs were cooked on the grill and drinks were also provided. Hy-On-A-Hill Trout Farm always generously helps us with this event donating some of the fish delivered. This is always a fun event for the young kids out fishing. Lets hope to have a great one this year.

T-ball had 29 participants for grades 1 and 2 and an additional 12 for a kindergarten group. They worked on basic skills and grades 1 and 2 had three teams, which had a schedule of practices as well as games played against each other.

We had 19 kids sign up for our tennis program with several skill levels. Ally and Amanda Hawkins instructed each of these groups through the summer at the KUA tennis courts. This is a great sport and the skills are so helpful in other sports as well. I hope we can grow this program and get more participation.

Unfortunately we were unable to run our swimming program this year. It is most likely that this program will either have to be cut or at the least it would be seriously reduced. This is a very important life skill and I hate to see this go. I will have more information on programs available in the area in hopes that everyone will continue to participate.

We had very good participation in soccer with 15 3rd and 4th grade boys and 16 3rd and 4th grade girls making up two teams. They played other area recreation teams. We had an additional 40 1st and 2nd graders that made up four teams that worked on basic skills and played each other. We had 15 kindergartners that worked on basic skills. All received a ball to use at practice and to keep so they could practice at home. Home games for grades 3/4 were played at Hewes Field. Grades K, I, and 2 Played at Cory Taber Field. Goals were replaced for the 1 and 2 grade.

Basketball is currently running with 13 1st and 2nd graders working on basic skills at the KUA gym on Saturday mornings. We have an additional 24 3rd and 4th graders making up one girls team and one boys team. They are working on skills and will play games through the season with some area teams. Home games are held at PES and practices at KUA. They will finish the season participating in a local tournament.

I look forward to the upcoming year and hope to hear from you with any ideas or

suggestions that could improve our program. We are always in need of coaches and officials and would love to have any help that you can give. From my experience, it is a very fun and rewarding commitment. There are clinics local through the year run through the Upper Valley Recreation for anyone interested in additional help and training in either coaching and officiating.

I would like to thank Plainfield School and Kimball Union Academy for the use of their facilities. Also thank you to the Meriden Garage, Hy-On-A-Hill Trout Farm, and Keene Medical for their donations. A huge thank you to all of the coaches, officials, and various individuals who have donated their time and helped make this program successful. To all the parents for your support in this program and all your helpful comments and suggestions. Without all of your help and support we would not be able to run this program.

Respectfully submitted,

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