



HAMPSHIRE COUNTY *Parks & Recreation*



HCP&R Newsletter

November 2021

Youth Basketball Leagues



Hampshire County Parks and Recreation will sponsor two youth basketball leagues for the coming winter. Bidy Buddy is for all boys and girls in grades 2, 3, and 4, and the Intermediate Basketball League (IBL) is for all boys and girls in grades 5 through 8.

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Team Selection for both leagues will be held on Sunday, November 21, at Romney Middle School. All players will be assigned to a team at that time. All interested players should attend at their assigned times to be assured of being placed on a team. Times are as follows:

- 1:00 pm- Girls' Bidy Buddy (grades 2, 3, and 4)
- 2:00 pm- Boys' Bidy Buddy (grades 2, 3, and 4)
- 3:00 pm- Girls' IBL (grades 5, 6, 7, and 8)
- 4:00 pm- Boys' IBL (grades 5, 6, 7, and 8)

Team practices will begin the week of November 29, and each team will have two practices before the first game. Practices and games will alternate between Romney and Capon Bridge, with teams practicing at the location of that week's games. The first games will be played on Sunday, December 12, at the RMS and HHS gyms.

Registration Fee for Bidy Buddy and the IBL is \$25. To register, log onto the HCP&R website, hampshirecountyparks.com, and fill out and then send the Program Registration Form, which is located at the bottom of the home page. The registration fee may then be mailed to HCP&R at P.O. Box 213, Romney, WV 26757, or you may bring the fee with you the day of the Team Selections. You may also register in person at the HCP&R office at 90 North High Street in Romney any weekday between 9:00 am and

1:00 pm. **Registrations will also be accepted at RMS the day of Team Selections.**

Hampshire Mat Club



Registrations are now being accepted for the Hampshire Mat Club, a youth wrestling organization supported by Hampshire County Parks and

Recreation for boys and girls ages four-through-fifteen. The HMC teaches folkstyle wrestling, which is the same format used in high school and college wrestling. Wrestlers will be classified by both age and weight for competition. The Mat Club practices three nights per week until the matches begin and twice per week thereafter.

HMC will once again compete in the Mason Dixon League, which features teams from the surrounding West Virginia and Virginia area, and tournaments in that league will be held on weekends during December, January, and February. The Club will also attend other tourneys around the area, including state competitions.

The registration fee for the Hampshire Mat Club is \$25. To register, log onto our website, **hampshirecountyparks.com**, and fill out and then send the Program Registration Form, which is located at the bottom of the home page. The registration fee may then be mailed to HCP&R at P.O. Box 213, Romney, WV 26757. You may also register in person at the HCP&R Office at 90 North High Street in Romney any weekday between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. **Registrations will also be accepted at the first practice, which will be held on Monday, November 29, at 6:00 p.m. at the Old Romney Middle School Gym.**

Chuck Parsons Memorial Bowling Tournament



HCP&R and Wilson Lanes will sponsor the ninth annual Chuck Parsons Memorial Bowling Tournament on Saturday, November 13, at Wilson Lanes. The three-game

USBC sanctioned handicapped tourney is open to all walk-in men and women bowlers, and the registration fee for all entries is \$35, with unlimited re-entries welcomed. A guaranteed first prize of \$1,000 will be awarded to the tournament champion.

Space is limited, so you may want to register as soon as possible. The tourney will be split into four squads, with 24 bowlers in each squad. Squad times will be 10:00 am, 1:00 pm, 4:00 pm, and 7:00 pm, with a re-oil for each squad.

The tournament is dedicated to the memory of Chuck Parsons, an avid bowler and supporter of youth sports, who died unexpectedly in October, 2012. Questions regarding the tourney should be directed to Wilson Lanes at (304) 822-4100.

Jump Start Basketball Clinic



Plans are complete for our eighth annual Jump Start Basketball Clinic. Jump Start is open to girls in grades two-through-seven. The clinic will be held on Saturday, November 13, from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm at the Hampshire High School gym. The registration fee for Jump Start will be \$10, with all proceeds going to the HHS girls' basketball program.

Jump Start will focus on individual and team skills and fundamentals. Julieanne Buckley, girls' head basketball coach at HHS, will run the clinic.

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New Email Address

HCP&R has finally solved our email problems. We have established a new, permanent email address, parks@hampshirewv.com. All correspondence should be sent to that address from this point forward. We appreciate your patience as we worked through those problems.

New Conference Center at Hampshire Park

We moved even closer to completion of the Conference Center at Hampshire Park this week. The hood over the stove in the kitchen has been installed, the suppression system is complete, and all the appliances have been set and hooked up. After the Fire Marshall's

inspection, the building will get a general cleaning, and then we should be ready for the Grand Opening.



When completed, the 6,600-square-foot Conference Center will be heated and air conditioned for year-round use and will be available for a variety of functions, including:

1. 4-H Camp
2. Weddings
3. Wedding Receptions
4. Baby Showers
5. Business Meetings
6. Business Conferences
7. Family Reunions
8. Birthday Parties
9. Retreats
10. Camps for Organizations
11. Anniversary Celebrations
12. Craft Shows
13. Class Reunions
14. Picnics

If you have questions about the project, or if you are interested in contributing to it, call HCP&R at (304) 822-7300, or email us at parks@hampshirewv.com.



Thankful

Christmas Festival of Lights





Also, don't forget about our great musical display. When you enter the park, simply tune your car or truck radio to 105.3 FM and then watch our musical display flash to the beat of some of your favorite Christmas tunes, which will be playing through your radio. And the best part is that you can enjoy the lights from the warmth and comfort of your own vehicle free of charge. Mark your calendars right now so you don't miss this special Christmas tradition.

Rentals at Old Capon Bridge Middle School

It's hard to believe, but it's almost that time again. Our ninth annual Christmas Festival of Lights will kick off with the Lighting Ceremony, which will be held on Saturday, November 27, at 5:00 p.m. at the amphitheater at Afton and Pauline Malick Central Hampshire Park in Augusta. The Festival will run through January 1 and will be open daily from 5:30 until 10:00 pm.

We will serve coffee, hot chocolate, and cookies free of charge to all who attend the Lighting Ceremony, and Santa will be there to greet the kids of all ages. And you kids need to remember to bring an ornament to help decorate the official Christmas Festival of Lights Christmas Tree. The highlight of the Lighting Ceremony will come at 5:30 when we light the giant Christmas tree in the field above the amphitheater.

Through the generosity of the Hampshire County Commission, the HCP&R Board, and many businesses and individuals throughout the area, the Festival has exploded over the past eight years. We have grown from 24 light displays in 2013 to 230 displays this year. New features for 2021 include a huge Santa Train display in the center of the park and an animated "Merry Christmas" greeting sign over the entrance.





Two-hour block (Anytime between 8:00 am and 10:00 pm): \$75 for Gym or Cafeteria (Kitchen included)

Four-Hour Block (8:00 am-noon; 1:00-5:00; 6:00-10:00): \$150 for Gym or Cafeteria (Kitchen included)

Full Day (8:00 am-10:00 pm): \$300 for Gym or Cafeteria (Kitchen included)

To rent these facilities, call us at (304) 822-7300, or you may contact us via email at parks@hampshirewv.com. Get your reservation in now so you don't miss this chance to hold your event in our newly renovated facilities.

Walk To Be Fit Program



Our Walk To Be Fit Program has concluded for another year, and we wish to thank all those who participated. Walk To Be Fit continues to be one of the most successful programs that HCP&R offers.

Now that the program has ended, make sure that you turn in all your tally sheets to any branch of FNB Bank (Ft. Ashby, Romney, Hampshire Square, or Capon Bridge), the Hampshire Wellness and Fitness Center at Hampshire Square, the Hampshire County Health Department in Augusta, or the HCP&R office at 90 North High Street in Romney. Once we have all the sheets tallied, we will contact you if you have earned a prize for your efforts.

If you feel like you have earned a prize and have not yet received it, please contact the HCP&R office at (304) 822-7300 or via email at

The gymnasium, cafeteria, and kitchen at Old Capon Bridge Middle School are now available for rentals. Guidelines for their use will be as follows:

1. Frequently clean hands and utensils with sanitary wipes, hand sanitizer, or soap and water
2. Nothing attached to walls (tape or nails)
3. Sweep all floors and place all trash in trash cans
4. Smoking is prohibited on school ground

NEW RATES FOR RENTALS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

parks@hampshirewv.com and let us know. It is not our intention that anyone earning a prize should be overlooked.

Just because the program has ended for another year, you don't have to quit walking. There will still be many more beautiful fall days when you can get out and enjoy the sunshine.



HCP&R is offering Kettlebell classes four days a week, on Sunday afternoon from 3:00 until 4:00, and on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from 6:00 until 7:00. All classes are now being held at Warrior Fitness, which is located at 60 West Sioux Lane in Romney.

Kettlebells are cast iron weights shaped like a ball with a handle for easy gripping. Kettlebells offer a different kind of training using dynamic moves targeting almost every aspect of fitness – endurance, strength, balance, agility and cardio endurance. People love it because it's challenging, efficient, and you only need one piece of equipment. Kettlebell classes are taught by certified instructors Kaleena Wilfong and Camilla Fout.

The cost for Kettlebell classes is \$5 per session, or for \$20 you may purchase a punch card that is good for five sessions. Also, we are now selling a monthly card for \$50.

Even if you've never tried Kettlebell before, come on out and see what it's all about. Mark your calendars today so you don't miss a chance to get some exercise while having a great time with your friends.



Disc Golf Course at Camp Walker



When planning outdoor activities, don't forget about the Camp Walker Disc Golf Course. We have made several improvements to the course over the past year. We installed tee-marker posts for all the

holes to make each teeing area more visible. We are also providing scorecards and course maps, both of which can be found in the mailbox beside the first tee.

The first tee is located on the flat ground out past the pavilion, where the road turns to the left and starts down over the hill toward the exit to the park. We have also installed new tee markers with the Camp Walker logo on them for each hole.

If you're looking for a disc to play at Camp Walker, then we have several options for you. We have Skeeters, which are all-purpose discs that are suitable for every shot, for sale in the HCP&R office for just \$7.00 each. We also have commemorative glow-in-the-dark drivers and putters that have the official Camp Walker logo on them for \$15.00 each. All proceeds from the sale of these discs go for improvements to the course.

If you haven't been out to Camp Walker to play the course, you really need to take an hour or so and try it. I feel certain that you will find disc golf both physically and mentally challenging. Plus, it's a great opportunity to spend some time in one of the prettiest spots in Hampshire County. **And it's free to play.** Now that's a deal I know you don't want to miss!





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