

Pelican Watch



Recreation District #1 of St. Tammany Parish

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From the Director



Fall is the busiest time of the year at Pelican Park!!! This fall there will be over 3,500 children that will participate in a game every Saturday in the Park. Fall sports include Pelican Park football, cheerleading, fall baseball, volleyball and MSC soccer. With an estimated 14,000 people in the Park every Saturday we will do our best to keep the bathrooms cleaned and the trash picked up. Please drive carefully in the Park and realize that with this many people in the Park that at times traffic may move slow or parking spaces be difficult to find.

In addition to the outside sports activities, the Castine Center is booked every weekend this fall. Events include the West St. Tammany Chamber Expo, Reptile show, dances, receptions and private fund raisers.

We strive to provide the best Park and facilities possible. If something is not cleaned or to your satisfaction please place your comments in the comment boxes located at each complex or call the office.

Ms. Kathy Foley
Director

SPONSOR THANKS

A very special thanks goes to the sponsors of the Park's football and cheerleading teams. Please let the following sponsors know how much you appreciate their support of these programs:

Football Sponsors :

7/8 TEAMS

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Clearing and grubbing of the expansion area has been completed and the survey work is currently underway. The design team is in the process of preparing the construction documents and the project is scheduled to be put out to public bid next spring. The Board of Commissioners has approved changing the site lay plan to preserve two large areas with substantial size oak and other hardwood trees found on the property. This change may delay the project a few months but will allow the trees to remain and the Park to have wonderful picnic and green space areas.

BASKETBALL COACHES CLINIC

Pelican Park is hosting a **free** basketball coaches clinic for both boys and girls basketball coaches on Saturday, Oct. 30 in the Brown Pelican gym. For your convenience we are offering 2 sessions to choose from: 9am-11am and 1pm-3pm. The clinic will be hosted by the Pelican Park Boys and Girls Basketball Advisory Boards and feature Doug Saylor, owner/trainer of the One-On-One Basketball Academy. Coach Saylor will demonstrate developmentally sound teaching/coaching principles that will help coaches take players through the stages necessary to play successfully in regulation games: single skills, combining skills, and modified game play. Coach Saylor's 2003 clinic focused on the first two stages, how to teach fundamental skills and combining skills. This clinic will review the fundamentals and then move into modified game play. Basic motion offense principles will be demonstrated that can be used at any level.

This is a mandatory clinic for all coaches.

SPECIAL POPULATIONS PROGRAM

Pelican Park sponsors a program for mentally and physically challenged children. Four sports are offered throughout the year at no cost to District residents and \$10.00 for non-district residents. This program is directed by Travis Smith, a certified adaptive Special Education Teacher. For more information call the Park's office.

HOME SCHOOL PE PROGRAM OFFERED

Starting this winter, Pelican Park will be offering PE classes and instruction for children ages 4 to 18 who are home schooled. The class will meet every Tuesday and will be under the direction of Toby Shultz. Next newsletter will have more information or call the office.



ATTENTION PARENTS!!!!
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REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR
Youth basketball – SEPTEMBER 27 – October 9

Recreation District #1
of St. Tammany Parish
Pelican Park
63350 Pelican Dr.
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Recreation District #1 is a free standing governmental agency. The District is supported by a property tax paid by the residents and businesses of Recreation District #1.

The general boundaries of the Recreation District are Lake Pontchartrain on the south side, the Tchefuncte River on the west side, Big Branch on the east side and I-12 on the north side.

The District, which operates Pelican Park, is under the direction of a 7 member administrative board and staff.

GIRLS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION INFORMATION
SEASON NOVEMBER 2004 – JANUARY 2005
AGES 6 – 12

- Age as of 8/31/2004
- No evaluations for 6 yr. olds. Evaluation schedule for ages 7-12 listed below.
- Practices begin November 1st. Games begin November 13th.
- No games November 22nd – November 28th or December 20th – January 2nd.
- Girls 6 play an 8 game season with no tournament. Games on weekends only with one practice during the week.
- Girls 7/8 and up play a 12 game season with a single elimination tournament. One game during the week and one game on the weekend with one practice during the week.
- *New this year – 6 yr. old games will be officiated by coaches; scores are not kept in the 6 yr. old games; ages 7-12 will be grouped as 7/8, 9/10 and 11/12; 6 yr. old age group will play as a single age group and will not be combined with an older age.*
- Girls basketball is an ability-based program for ages 9/10 and 11/12; *if age groups 9/10 and 11/12 meet the 10 team requirement they may be ability based; uniforms will be a reversible royal blue/white tank with the home team wearing the white side and the guest team wearing the royal blue side.* (see explanation below)



REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR BASKETBALL
REGISTRATION SEPTEMBER 27TH – OCTOBER 9TH

Returning players can register on-line 24 hours a day during registration period at **Pelicanpark.com**

NEW PLAYERS

New Players or players not choosing to use on-line registration can register in the office. New players **MUST** have a copy of their birth certificate in order to register. Office hours are Monday-Friday 8am-6pm/Saturday, October 2nd and 9th, 9am-5pm. Pelican Park offices are located at Pelican Park in the Castine Center.

REGISTRATION FEES

	DISTRICT	NON-DISTRICT
Girls 6	\$27.00	\$52.00
Girls 7/8's, 9/10's, 11/12's	\$73.00	\$98.00

GIRLS BASKETBALL EVALUATION SCHEDULE

Players wishing to be considered for the Biddy League must evaluate.

Each age group has two opportunities to evaluate. Please select the one most convenient for you. Parents need to stay at evaluations because player can leave after they have completed all stations.

No evaluations for 6 yr. olds

GIRLS 7/8

DATE	LOCATION	TIMES
Sun. 10/17	White Pelican gym, Cts. 1 & 2	1pm-2:30pm
Fri. 10/22	Brown Pelican gym, Cts. 1 & 2	6pm-7:30pm

GIRLS 9/10

DATE	LOCATION	TIMES
Mon. 10/18	Brown Pelican gym, Cts. 2 & 3	6pm-7:30pm
Fri. 10/22	Brown Pelican gym, Cts. 2 & 3	7pm-8:30pm

GIRLS 11/12

DATE	LOCATION	TIMES
Wed. 10/20	Brown Pelican gym, Cts. 2 & 3	6pm-7:30pm
Sat. 10/23	Brown Pelican gym, Cts. 2 & 3	1pm-2:30pm

EXPLANATION OF AN ABILITY BASED LEAGUE

The ability based format is designed to allow the more advanced players within an age group to participate in a Biddy league oriented to competitive play, while the Recreation league will be for less experienced players and provides emphasis on fundamentals. The objective is that there will be no major differences between the Biddy and Recreation leagues. In order for an age group to be split into two leagues there must be a minimum of 10 teams. The leagues will be split on a maximum 40-60% basis, with the players evaluating the highest in a combination of individual and game skills being placed in the Biddy league and the remainder of the players participating in the Recreation league. Parents may request that players only participate in the Recreation league, even if their child evaluates as a Biddy player.

BASKETBALL SCOREKEEPERS NEEDED

Pelican Park is looking for scorekeepers for Boys and Girls Basketball for the Winter 2004/2005 season. **Must be at least 14 years old.** If interested, please call Park office at 626-7997. If selected, the Park will contact you about a mandatory Scorekeeper Training Session to be held prior to games beginning.

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- Boys 8 and up play a 12 game season with a single elimination tournament. One game during the week and one game on the weekend with one practice during the week.
- *New this year – 6 yr. old games will be officiated by coaches; scores are not kept in the 6 yr. old games; uniforms will be a reversible royal blue/white tank with the home team wearing the white side and the guest team wearing the royal blue side.*
- 7 yr. old games will have one official and ages 8 and up will have two officials
- Boys basketball is an ability-based program for ages 8 and up (see explanation below)

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	<u>REGISTRATION FEES</u>	
	DISTRICT	NON-DISTRICT
Boys 6	\$26.00	\$51.00
Boys 7	\$36.00	\$61.00
Boys 8 – 12	\$72.00	\$97.00

BOYS BASKETBALL EVALUATION SCHEDULE

Players wishing to be considered for the Bidly League must evaluate.

Each age group has two opportunities to evaluate. Please select the one most convenient for you. Parents need to stay at evaluations because player can leave after they have completed all stations.

No evaluations for 6 yr. olds

BOYS 7

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIMES</u>
Fri. 10/15	Brown Pelican gym, Cts. 1 & 2	6pm-7:30pm
Sat. 10/16	White Pelican gym, Cts. 1 & 2	1pm-2:30pm

BOYS 10

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIMES</u>
Sun. 10/17	Brown Pelican gym, Cts. 1 & 2	2:30pm-4pm
Tues. 10/19	White Pelican gym, Cts. 1 & 2	6:30pm-8pm

BOYS 8

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIMES</u>
Fri. 10/15	White Pelican gym, Cts. 1 & 2	6pm-7:30pm
Sat. 10/16	White Pelican gym, Cts. 1 & 2	1pm-2:30pm

BOYS 11

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIMES</u>
Wed. 10/20	Brown Pelican gym, Cts. 1 & 2	6:30pm-8pm
Sat. 10/23	Brown Pelican gym, Cts. 1 & 2	10am-11:30 am

BOYS 9

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIMES</u>
Sun. 10/17	Brown Pelican gym, Cts. 1 & 2	1pm-2:30pm
Mon. 10/18	Brown Pelican gym, Cts. 1 & 2	6:30pm-8pm

BOYS 12

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIMES</u>
Sat. 10/23	Brown Pelican gym, Cts. 1 & 2	11:30am-1pm
Mon. 10/25	Brown Pelican gym, Cts. 1 & 2	6pm-7:30pm

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FOR FIELD CONDITIONS, CALL THE PELICAN PARK SPORTS HOTLINE 626-1444

VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED

Our youth programs are in desperate need of volunteer coaches. Our youth basketball program needs 1 adult volunteer for each 7-8 registrants. Last year we needed 142 coaches. We are offering a free clinic to all basketball coaches and the basketball advisory boards are always willing to help assist you in any way possible. Please pick up a coaches application in the Castine Center office at the time of registration or sign up to coach at www.pelicanpark.com.

DIRECT YOUR UNITED WAY DONATIONS TO THE PARK!

The "Friends of Pelican Park" is a 501C3 non-profit organization that is an approved agency by the United Way. People making donations to the United Way can mark on their donation cards, FRIENDS OF PELICAN PARK, and the donation will be passed on by the United Way to the Friends organization. Please consider directing your donation to the "Friends of Pelican Park". For more information call 626-7997.



UPCOMING REGISTRATIONS

Boys Basketball ages 13-17
Girls Volleyball ages 13-15
January 10-22, 2005

WORTHLESS CHECK POLICY

The District has established a \$22.50 fee for worthless checks received.

Adult Sports Session I/Spring 2005

Over 35 Mens Basketball
Mens Competitive Softball
Mens Recreation Softball
Co-ed Just For Fun Cabbageball
Co-ed Just For Fun Volleyball
Womens Just For Fun Volleyball
Registration: February 7-18, 2005
Games: March - May

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF MEMBERS:
Tanya Jeandron, Secretary

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