

Pelican Watch



Recreation District #1 of St. Tammany Parish

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From the Director

It is well documented that coaches of youth sports and parents play a huge role in influencing children's attitude towards sports, winning & losing and life skills learned from sports. The article below is written by Mark Lorando. Mark became involved at the Park because of his two sons Thomas

and Alex. Mark, like most volunteers, starting coaching when he was informed that the Park needed coaches. He has coached numerous baseball and basketball teams over the past 8 years. He has served as basketball age group director for 7 years, and served on the boys basketball advisory board for 4 years. In 2002 and 2003 he served as president of that advisory board. He was instrumental in bringing positive coaching trainer, Mike Legarza, to Pelican Park. For the past 3 seasons, he has experienced youth sports and sportsmanship from "the other side" as a Tri-Parish Official Association basketball referee.

Ms. Kathy Foley
Director

The 'Official' Truth About Youth Sports

When recreation basketball parents and coaches object to the quality of officiating, they usually do so in the name of protecting their kids. But before you decide who the kids really need protection from, ask yourself this ...

What hurts a child more, the referee who calls traveling, or the parent in the stands who calls the referee an idiot?

What hurts a child more, the referee who is attempting to enforce a set of rules, or the spectators who continually mock the authority figures on the court?

What hurts a child more, the referee who makes an honest mistake, or the fans who ridicule him for being human?

What hurts a child more, the referee who calls a technical foul for unsportsmanlike conduct, or the coach who uses profanity in the presence of children?

What hurts a child more, the coach who demands that very young players "attack the ball," or the referee who "lets the game get out of control"?

What hurts a child more, the referee who fails to make a proper call, or the coach who fails to give his worst player the minimum playing time?

What hurts a child more, the siren of a referee's whistle, or the sound of his father's voice rising in anger when he dribbles the ball out of bounds?

... or the thoughtless groans from the fans when he misses a lay-up?

... or the insensitive cheers from the opposing team's parents when he misses a free throw?

If we are, as we all claim to be, "in it for the kids," then let's stop demanding perfection from officials and start demanding kindness from adults.

-- Mark Lorando

"NAME OUR PELICAN" CONTEST

Help Pelican Park name our mascot! Put on your thinking caps and be creative. He wears a Pelican Park jersey, high top tennis shoes, and enjoys playing all sports! Contestants must be 18 years old or younger.

Entries will be accepted through January 24th and can be submitted by:

* Mail entry:

Pelican Park
Name Our Pelican Contest
ATTN: Ann
63350 Pelican Dr.
Mandeville, LA 70448

* E-mail pelican2@ntrnet.com

* Placed in the suggestion boxes located in both gym lobbies.

Please remember that each entry must include your name, phone number, and age for contact purposes. In the event that numerous people submit the same winning name, a drawing will be held to determine a winner. The Recreation Department will judge all entries. Winner will be notified by phone on January 25th.

Grand prize: The lucky individual that "Names Our Pelican" will receive a 20' Boys BMX bicycle, age appropriate game balls, and be featured with our newly named Pelican in the next issue of "Pelican Watch".

A \$25.00 gift certificate to Legends will also be given away.



From left to right: Angie Walker, Recreation Supervisor, Our Pelican, Kathy Foley, Director



St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office Holiday Luncheon was held for the senior citizens of St. Tammany Parish on December 15, 2004. This annual event is co-sponsored by Recreation District #1 and is held yearly at the Castine Center.

Scoreboard Donated

Pelican Park is extremely grateful to Mr. Kevin Mahony who not only sponsored Mahony Title Services Football Team, but generously donated a scoreboard for the Yellow 2 Football Field.



From left to right: Kevin Mahony; Zachary Mangrum; Phillip Mangrum; Pat Dayton, Recreation Superintendent

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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.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR PELICAN PARK GIRLS VOLLEYBALL AGES 9-16, GIRLS BASKETBALL AGES 13-15, BOYS BASKETBALL AGES 13-18 REGISTRATION JANUARY 3, 2005 – JANUARY 15, 2005


Returning players can register on-line 24 hours a day during the 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, January 8th and 15th, 9am-5pm. Pelican Park offices are located at Pelican Park in the Castine Center.
- GENERAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS**
- First time players must register in the office and bring a copy of their birth certificate
 - 18 yr. old high school students must register in the office and bring their high school ID.
 - On-line registration available for returning players only at www.pelicanpark.com
 - Players must meet the age as of date requirement in order to register.
 - **Players wishing to play up an age group must register in the office. Special requests online are not valid. Players have to complete a play up/play down form that is available in the office.**
 - Play ups granted only after registration ends and if there is space available.
 - Play down requests are granted at the staff's discretion and only granted for medical reasons. Staff may request proof of medical need.
 - In order to form teams that are fair and equally balanced requests for a specific team will not be honored.
 - Mail-ins are no longer accepted.

GIRLS SPRING VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION AGES 9 – 16

This is a limited registration, which means that there are only a LIMITED number of openings available, so please register early to reserve your spot.

- Age as of 8/31/04
- Age groups 9/10, 11/12, 13, 14, 15, 16
- The age groups for 13 and up will be determined after registration
- No evaluations
- Practices begin 1/29/05
- No scheduled practices the week of Mardi Gras
- Games begin week of 2/14/05
- Game days are Monday and Saturday
- Season complete by 3/24/05
- The spring season is a secondary season therefore t-shirt awards are given to the 1st and 2nd place season winners and the 1st and 2nd place tournament winners. No participation awards are given during this season.



	District	Non-District
All Age Groups	\$33.00	\$58.00

REGISTRATION FEES

PELICAN PARK HOME SCHOOL PE PROGRAM
 REGISTRATION JANUARY 4TH – JANUARY 15TH
 MONDAY – FRIDAY 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Walk in registration accepted at the Castine Center, On-line registration not available

- * Ages 4 – 18, age as of 1/1/05
- * \$51.00 registration fee per participant
- * Sessions will be held on Tuesdays from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm and will begin the week of January 18, 2005
- * Program runs for 14 weeks (1/18 – 4/26)
- * Children will be divided into 4 separate age groups
- * No session scheduled for Mardi Gras week
- * Instructions will be under the direction of Toby Schultz. Toby has over 8 years experience in coordinating home school physical education program and coaching experience.
- * Basketball, soccer, kickball, indoor floor hockey, volleyball and various games skills

For more information, please call Pelican Park at 626-7997

BOYS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION AGES 13 – 18

*Note that 18 yr. olds MUST be a current High School student with a valid ID. They MUST register in the Office and bring their ID with them.

- Age as of 8/31/04
- Practices begin 1/29/05
- No scheduled practices the week of Mardi Gras
- 10 season with a single elimination tournament
- Games begin week of 2/14/05
- Season complete by 3/24/05



REGISTRATION FEES

All Age Groups	District	Non-District
	\$64.00	\$89.00

GIRLS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION AGES 13 – 15

- Age as of 8/31/04
- Practices begin 1/29/05
- No scheduled practices the week of Mardi Gras
- Games begin week of 2/14/05
- 10 game season with a single elimination tournament
- Season complete by 3/24/05



REGISTRATION FEES

All Age Groups	District	Non-District
	\$67.00	\$92.00

PELICAN PARK ADULT SPORTS TEAM REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION BEGINS MONDAY, 2/7/05 6PM – 8PM
ON MONDAY. 2/7/05 NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE PROCESSED PRIOR TO 6PM
 REGISTRATION HOURS FOR 2/9/05 – 2/17/05 8AM – 6PM
REGISTRATION HOURS FOR LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION 2/18/05 8AM – 12PM
 MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
 REGISTRATION IS HELD IN THE CASTINE CENTER OFFICE
 PELICAN PARK IS CLOSED TUESDAY, 2/8/05 FOR MARDI GRAS

REGISTRATION IS DONE BY TEAM; HOWEVER, INDIVIDUALS MAY CALL THE PARK AND HAVE THEIR NAME ADDED TO A LIST OF INTERESTED PLAYERS

MEN'S COMPETITIVE SOFTBALL

This league is designed for those possessing a high skill level and who play at a competitive level. All players must be 18 years old. Must have photo ID at all games. This league plays according to ASA Men's B rules. Games have two officials and a scorekeeper. Maximum of 6 home runs per team per game. Make up games may be played on days other than Thursday.

- Games on Thursday nights
- Maximum of 8 teams
- 7 games with a single elimination tournament
- Season begins March 3, 2005
- Cost is \$355.00 per team



MEN'S RECREATION SOFTBALL

This program is designed for players who still like to play but emphasis is put on fun, sportsmanship and socialization. This league does not keep standings but does have one official. Make up games may be played on days other than Sunday. Depending on the number of rain-outs all games may not be made up.

- Games late on Sunday afternoons
- Maximum of 16 teams
- 9 week season
- Games begin February 27, 2005
- No games Easter Sunday
- Cost is \$175.00 per team



MEN'S OVER 35 BASKETBALL

This league is for men over 35 years of age. Must have photo ID at all games. Two officials will be provided.

- Games on Wednesday night
- Maximum of 8 teams
- 7 game season with a single elimination tournament
- Season begins March 2, 2005
- Cost is \$385.00 per team



WOMEN'S JUST FOR FUN VOLLEYBALL

This league is for females only and is designed for fun, exercise and socialization. This league does not have an official or keep standings.

- Games on Wednesday nights
- Maximum of 8 teams
- 11 game season
- Season begins March 2, 2005
- Cost is \$80.00 per team



CO-ED CABBAGEBALL

This league is designed for individuals who want exercise, fun and socialization. It is non-competitive and does not keep standings. One official will be provided. Make up games may be played on days other than Friday. Depending on the number of rainouts all games may not be made up.

- Games Friday evenings
- Maximum of 8 teams
- 10 week season
- Games begin March 4, 2005
- No games on Good Friday
- Cost is \$195.00 per team



CO-ED JUST FOR FUN VOLLEYBALL

This league is designed for fun, exercise, and socialization. This is a very non-competitive league. Teams consist of 3 men and 3 women. This league does not have an official or keep standings.

- Games on Thursday nights
- Maximum of 8 teams
- 11 game season
- Season begins March 3, 2005
- Cost is \$80.00 per team



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MANDEVILLE, LA 70448

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

INTERESTED IN SOCCER?
The soccer program in Mandeville is run by a private non-profit group called **Mandeville Soccer Club**. For information about their program please call **624-8080**.
Recreation District #1's Board of Commissioners has granted Mandeville Soccer Club (MSC) "exempt" status at the Park. *This "exempt" status saves MSC over \$18,000 per year.* Up until the "exempt" status was granted in 2000, MSC paid the direct cost of field lighting and field painting for game use. "Exempt" status is granted to large non-profit organizations within the District because without their existence the Recreation District would have to provide that sport.

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

Baseball/Softball Registration
February 21 – March 5, 2005

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF MEMBERS:

Rene Zimmer, Administrative/Concession Supervisor
Dennis Ball, Park Maintenance
Patrick Beasley, Park Maintenance
Thomas Gant, Park Maintenance

LET'S AVOID DUPLICATE MAILINGS
If you receive duplicates of the same newsletter with different names or addresses, please send the newsletter to us at 63350 Pelican Drive, Mandeville LA 70448 or email us at pelicansec@nternet.com. Please indicate the incorrect information and we'll change our records for the next mailing. You may receive some duplicates for a while. Thanks!



The official soft drink of Pelican Park and the Castine Center