

# Pelican Watch



## Recreation District #1

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JULY 2002

### *From the Director.....*

This summer there were over 2,000 children who participated in Pelican Park's youth baseball and softball program. To make a program of this size succeed, takes the dedication and efforts of full time Park staff as well as hundreds of volunteer coaches. It is the Park's goal to make each child's involvement in sports a fun and rewarding experience.

The Park staff and advisory board members, dedicate many hours to establishing rules that are fair and procedures for drafting teams that assure each child is given a chance to learn, develop and enjoy the sport. The Park requires a code of conduct be signed by both parents and coaches. Evaluations are given at the end of the season for parents to document their experience so the program can continue to improve. This year the Park offered 3 coaching clinics to help new coaches and to teach experienced coaches about safety, sportsmanship and skills development.

Ultimately, the education provided by the Park to the coach, the time dedicated by the coach, and the attitude of the coach, is what determines the experience that the child has playing that year. We thank the many wonderful coaches that we have in our program.

Parents as well as the coaches, have a great impact on the experience their child has playing sports. If parents question the officials calls, yell at the officials, complain about losing, question the coaching, or put importance on winning, then their child will reflect their behavior.

Help the Park return the fun to our youth sports program. Kids have enough stress in this world without feeling the stress of letting their parents down, being yelled at or feeling bad because they didn't make the big play. Help your child focus on the positive life skills that sports teach, which is team work, sportsmanship, good exercise and having fun.

Kathy Foley  
Director

### *Special notices, programs and thanks.....*

#### **"FRIENDS OF PELICAN PARK" TO PURCHASE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**

At their June meeting, the "Friends of Pelican Park" approved \$27,000 for the purchase of playground equipment at the Blue complex. The playground will be designed for ages 4-8 and the surfacing will be rubber matting. The "Friends" Board will select a design from various manufacturers and installation is anticipated in late August or early September.

#### **"FRIENDS OF PELICAN PARK" ELECT NEW OFFICERS**

At the June meeting, a new slate of officers was elected: President – Roger Linde; Vice-President – Ray Lieber; and Treasurer – Richard Wilson. Board members are Milton Meyer, Tanya Moree, Rob Bateman, Alex Balducci and Tammy Whitehead. The "Friends of Pelican Park" is a 501C3 organization dedicated to raising funds for improvements to Pelican Park. If you are interested in donating time or money please contact the Park office at 626-7997.

#### **HOW ARE COACH OR PARENT PROBLEMS HANDLED?**

With a program as large as Pelican Park's, from time to time there are going to be problems with a coach or parent. The problem could range from poor sportsmanship to being thrown out of a game. The Park takes the behavior of our coaches and parents seriously and stands behind the Codes of Conduct. Presently, all coaches serve at the pleasure of the Park and can be removed from coaching, with or without, cause by the Park. If a problem with a coach is small, initially the age group director will talk with the coach to hopefully resolve the matter. If the initial discussion doesn't work or the issue is serious then the coach is taken to a discipline committee. If a problem with a parent occurs, the staff will initially talk with the parent and if serious, then taken to the discipline committee. This 3-person discipline committee hears issues with all sports operated by the Park. They meet as needed and decide if the problem warrants no action, temporary suspension, or removal from coaching indefinitely. Unfortunately, we had a few problems this year. The discipline committee met and took appropriate action on all of these problems.



"Baseball isn't just about winning," the coach said sternly to one young batter. "It's also about poise and respect. It's wrong to abuse the opposing players. And even if you don't like an umpire's call, you're not to curse and argue, but to stand tall and accept the decision. Most of all, remember: it's just a game and is for fun. Do you understand that?"

"Yes sir," the boy nodded solemnly, "I understand."



MAIL TO:  
63350 PELICAN DR.  
MANDEVILLE, LA 70448

**CHEERLEADING REGISTRATION**  
PELICAN PARK YOUTH SPORTS  
**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Pelican Park**

PHONE: 62607997  
MAIL – IN'S MUST BE  
RECEIVED NO LATER  
THAN 8/10/02

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*Please fill in all appropriate spaces. Missing information may delay your registration.*

**PLAYER INFORMATION**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(house number) (city) (state) (zipcode)

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Subdivision: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ **PLEASE WRITE YOUR CHILD'S AGE AS 7/1/2002** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CHILD MUST BE 7 BY 7/1/2002. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**AGE GROUP: (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE) 7/8 9/10 11/13**

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**UNIFORMS ARE NOT EXCHANGEABLE AS THEY ARE SPECIAL ORDERED. PLEASE ORDER SIZES CAREFULLY. SAMPLES AVAILABLE FOR TRY ON IN CASTINE CENTER OFFICE.**

Shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_ Skirt size: \_\_\_\_\_ Bloomer size: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's initials \_\_\_\_\_

Has your child ever cheered at Pelican Park before? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how many year's ? \_\_\_\_\_

Has your child cheered in any other programs? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how many year's ? \_\_\_\_\_

Has your child participated in gymnastics? If yes, at what age? \_\_\_\_\_ How many years? \_\_\_\_\_

Has your child ever taken dance lessons? If yes, at what age? \_\_\_\_\_ How many years? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any other experiences evaluators should know about. (I.E. summer camps) \_\_\_\_\_

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**VOLUNTEER INFORMATION**

Cheerleading Squad Leader: \_\_\_\_\_ Assistant squad leader \_\_\_\_\_ Age Group Director \_\_\_\_\_  
Team Manager \_\_\_\_\_

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I, the undersigned parent/guardian, on behalf of the minor child listed above, do hereby release and waive any rights/causes of action for damages of any nature whatsoever that may have or may arise against Recreation District #1/Pelican Park, its staff, directors, and coaches as a result of any accidents or injury involving my minor child while participating in activities sponsored by Recreation District #1/Pelican Park. Further, as the undersigned parent of minor child listed above, I hereby authorize Recreation District #1/Pelican Park and its representatives to seek and authorize medical care for my minor child.

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**GIRLS FALL VOLLEYBALL**  
**LIMITED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS**  
**NO MAIL-IN REGISTRATION**

- District Registration: 7/29 – 8/17
- Non-District Registration: 8/12 – 8/17
- Age groups 9/10, 11/12, and 13/15.
- Age as of 8/31/02 – must be 9 by 8/31/02 to register.
- Practices begin 8/26/02
- Games begin 9/3/02
- 10 game season with single elimination tournament.
- All games played at Pelican Park

**REGISTRATION FEES**

ALL AGE GROUPS	\$25.00 District
	\$50.00 Non-District

A 4 team minimum is required to form a league. Parents must sign a code of conduct at registration and attend a mandatory meeting at their child's first practice

**GIRLS FALL BASKETBALL**  
**NO MAIL-IN REGISTRATION**

- Registration Dates: 7/29 – 8/17
- Girls ages 13 – 16
- Age groups 13/14 and 15/16
- Age as of 8/31/02 – MUST be 13 by 8/31/02 to register.
- Practices begin 8/26/02
- Games begin 9/3/02
- 10 game season with single elimination tournament.
- All games played at Pelican Park.

**REGISTRATION FEES**

ALL AGE GROUPS	\$41.00 District
	\$66.00 Non-District

A 4 team minimum is required to form a league. Parents must sign a code of conduct at registration and attend a mandatory meeting at their child's first practice.

**FALL BASEBALL**  
**LIMITED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS**  
**NO MAIL-IN REGISTRATION**

- District Registration: 7/29 – 8/17
- Non-District Registration: 8/12 – 8/17
- Boys ages 7 – 14
- MUST BE 7 BY JULY 31, 2003 TO REGISTER.
- No evaluations.
- Practices begin the week of August 26th.
- Games begin the week of September 3rd and end by October 12th.
- 10 game season with a single elimination tournament.
- All games played at Pelican Park.

**REGISTRATION FEES**

	<u>District</u>	<u>Non-District</u>
Ages 7/8	\$33.00	\$58.00
Ages 9/10	\$45.00	\$70.00
Ages 11/12	\$46.00	\$71.00
Ages 13/14	\$50.00	\$75.00

**ADULT LEAGUE REGISTRATION**

Registration for adult team sports begins 7/15/02 and ends 7/26/02. Registration is done by team; however, individuals may call the Park and have their name added to a list of interested players. Register at Pelican Park's Castine Center office Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. For more information call 626-7997.

League's offered for Fall Session III are:

- Men's Competitive Basketball – Wed. nights \$383 per team. Max 8 teams accepted.
- Men's Over 35 Basketball – Wed. nights \$316 per team. Max 8 teams accepted.
- Co-ed Just for Fun Volleyball – Thurs. nights \$58 per team. Max 8 teams accepted.
- Co-ed Recreation Volleyball – Thurs. nights \$177 per team. Max 8 teams accepted.
- Co-ed Competitive Volleyball – Thurs. nights \$177 per team. Max 8 teams accepted.
- Just for Fun Softball – Sun. nights \$150 per team. Max 10 teams accepted.
- Men's Competitive Softball – Thurs. nights \$312 per team. Max 8 teams accepted.
- Co-ed Cabbage Ball – Fri. nights \$134 per team. Max 8 teams accepted.

Recreation District #1  
Pelican Park  
63350 Pelican Dr.  
Mandeville, LA 70448

**Board of****Commissioners:**

Nixon Adams  
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Vice Chairman  
Commissioners:  
Alex Balducci  
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Tony Oramous  
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Park Superintendent  
  
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Kimberly Breath  
Office Manager  
  
Ann Keyes  
Recreation Supervisor  
  
Peter Torrey  
Recreation Supervisor  
  
Vickie Egan  
Castine Center Asst.  
Manager  
  
Tine Gill  
Secretary  
  
Gaynell Cardella  
Office Clerk  
  
Harris LaGrange  
Turf Supervisor  
  
Ron Johnson  
Construction Foreman

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.

**FOOTBALL REGISTRATION**  
**MAIL-IN REGISTRATION 7/29/02 – 8/10/02**  
**WALK-IN REGISTRATION 7/29/02 – 8/17/02**

- Boys ages 7 – 13 years old. **NOTE:** 13 year olds **MUST WEIGH LESS THAN 136 lbs.** To participate since this age group plays with 11 and 12 year olds. The 13 yr. Old players may not carry the ball
- Age as of 7/1/02 determines age group played in. **THE CHILD MUST BE 7 BY 7/1/02 TO REGISTER.**
- Registration being held at Pelican Park office inside the Castine Center. Registration hours are Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Players will not be allowed to play – up into an age group without **prior** approval from the Football Advisory Board.
- A free **pre-season** players' clinic will be conducted by Coach Favre of Fontainebleau High School. Clinic is scheduled for **Saturday, August 10th** at Pelican Park. Players must sign in between 7:15 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Clinic will be from 8:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Please call Pelican Park for field location. **THANK YOU FONTAINEBLEAU HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PROGRAM.**
- All players **MUST** be evaluated. The evaluation will be a three-day process, evaluating different football skills on each day. Players must attend all three days. Evaluations will be held on August 19, 20 and 21. Players must wear **FULL GEAR** for all 3 days of evaluation. Teams will be formed later in that week. Evaluation schedule will be distributed at the time of registration.
- Practices will begin the week of August 26. Due to football being a contact sport, pre-season practices will be scheduled 3 to 4 evenings per week.
- All games will be played at Pelican Park, with the exception of the pre-season jamboree and one Superdome Game for the 9/10's and 11/13's.
- Most games will be played on Saturday's, however games could be scheduled on Sundays based on field space.
- **REGISTRATION FEES COVER THE COST OF OFFICIALS, A JERSEY, HELMET DECALS, SECONDARY INSURANCE AND AWARDS. IT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE COST OF HELMET, PADS, CLEATS OR PANTS.** Please call your local sporting goods store for rental information.

<b><u>REGISTRATION FEES:</u></b>	<b><u>DISTRICT</u></b>	<b><u>NON-DISTRICT</u></b>
7/8's and 9/10's	<b>\$67.00</b>	<b>\$92.00</b>
11/13's	<b>\$65.00</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>

**CHEERLEADING REGISTRATION**  
**MAIL-IN REGISTRATION 7/29/02 – 8/10/02**  
**WALK-IN REGISTRATION 7/29/02 – 8/17/02**

**HOORAY! HOORAY!** It's time for Cheerleading. Girls from 7 through 13 years of age may register. The child will be registered in the age group corresponding with her age as of July 1, 2002. Every child must be 7 by this date in order to register. Registration will be held at the Pelican Park office located in the Castine Center, Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

	<b><u>REGISTRATION FEES</u></b>	<b><u>DISTRICT</u></b>	<b><u>NON-DISTRICT</u></b>
7/8's, 9/10's	<b>\$69.00</b>	<b>\$69.00</b>	<b>\$94.00</b>
11/13's	<b>\$65.00</b>	<b>\$65.00</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>

Girls will be assigned to a squad, which will cheer for one of our football teams. All games are played at Pelican Park with the exception of the one Superdome game played by the 9/10 and 11/13 age groups. An intramural competition will be held at the end of the season.

In order to form equally talented squads, we ask that you fill out the Cheerleading evaluation information on the registration form. It is essential that you bring your daughter into the Castine Center to try on a uniform to ensure the proper fit.

**All Cheerleaders are REQUIRED to attend a two-day, pre-season clinic on Saturday, 8/24 and Sunday, 8/25 in the Pelican Park gym. At this clinic the girls will meet their squad and begin to work on dance and cheer routines. Practices will begin the week of 8/26 with the end of year competition taking place on 11/03/02.**

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8/10/02

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Complete Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(house number) (city) (state) (zipcode)

Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact name & phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FOOTBALL PLAYERS:**

Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Last Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Positions Played: \_\_\_\_\_

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**VOLUNTEER INFORMATION**

Asst. Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Age Group Director \_\_\_\_\_ Team Manager \_\_\_\_\_

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**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

B/C \_\_\_\_\_ AMT. PD. \_\_\_\_\_ CASH \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ BY \_\_\_\_\_

## PELICAN PARK FOOTBALL

### Parents Code of Ethics

I will encourage positive sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, age group directors and officials, at every practice and game.

I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win.

I will insist my child play in a safe and healthy environment.

I will provide support for coaches and officials working with my child, to provide a positive, enjoyable experience for all.

I will demand a drug and alcohol free environment for my child, and agree to assist by refraining from their use at practices and games.

I will remember that the practices and games are for the children and not the adults.

I will do my very best to make recreational sports fun for my child.

I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect, regardless of race, creed, sex or ability.

### Parents Code of Conduct

1. Parents will not curse while at practices or games.
2. Parents will be responsible for the behavior and actions of the other minor children under their care, while at the Park, for practices and games.
3. Parents will always cooperate with game officials, referees, coaches, and age group directors in their duties of progressing games and practices along in an orderly, efficient fashion, by honoring their request for assistance. **NO PARENT IS ALLOWED TO ADDRESS AN OFFICIAL WITH COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS DURING OR AFTER A GAME IS CONCLUDED, IN THE GYM OR IN THE PARKING LOT.**
4. Parents will provide accurate information regarding their child's medical history, age, birth dates, years experience, etc.
5. Parents will address their concerns to their coach, age group director, and / or advisory board, in an attempt to resolve their concerns. If satisfaction is not received, the Pelican Park Staff can be addressed, in writing, with concerns, complaints, and / or suggestions.
6. Parents agree not to harass, intimidate, or abuse verbally or physically, any player, parent, coach, referee, Pelican Park staff, etc.
7. Any violation can / will result in dismissal for the parent and / or player from the league. Reinstatement can only be gained through written request to Pelican Park and the Advisory Board.

**IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT ONE PARENT'S SIGNATURE REPRESENTS THE AGREEMENT OF BOTH PARENTS AND / OR GUARDIANS, TO FOLLOW THE ABOVE GUIDELINES.**

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Player / participant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Age Group: \_\_\_\_\_

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63350 PELICAN DRIVE  
MANDEVILLE, LA 70448

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Mandeville, LA 704

PELICAN PARK



**Pelican Park Hotline (for field conditions) (985)626-1444**

LOOK FOR YOUR 2003 **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS** ON SALE AT PELICAN

**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.

**THE CASTINE CENTER**

Need a place to hold your next banquet?

Thinking of hosting a trade show?

Holding a seminar?

Getting married?

Come tour The Castine Center!

28,000 square feet of clear-span arena that can be subdivided. Two conference rooms.

Let us host your next event!

Come by or call us at 626-7997.



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AND  
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**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.



**SLAMFEST**

**TOURNAMENT**

Pelican Park hosted their annual baseball tournament the weekend of June 29th. Twenty-two teams throughout the New Orleans and Baton Rouge area, as well as Mississippi, competed in the tournament.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
FOLLOWING WINNERS:**

**10 YR. OLDS — MANDEVILLE BRAVES**  
**12 YR. OLDS — OAK GROVE WARRIORS**  
**13 YR. OLDS — BLITZ**  
**14 YR. OLDS — ST. BERNARD TITANS**

## PELICAN PARK CHEERLEADING

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