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# Manchester Parks & Recreation

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## Greetings!

The completion of the Park House in March of 2013 was a game-changer for the Town of Manchester and the Parks and Recreation Department. The new Park House allows the Parks and Recreation Department the ability to enhance its year round programming while providing much needed public restroom facilities, activity room, and changing rooms.

The Manchester Parks and Recreation Department recognizes that many of our programs are successful because of the volunteers we have in the community. We would like to thank all of the volunteers and supporters of the Parks and Recreation Department. You are vital in the success of our programs. This coming spring and summer, the Department will be expanding its programming to further meet the needs of the Manchester community. We always welcome suggestions for improvement and volunteers to help us in our mission.



Free public Wi-Fi throughout the Park!

Register for our programs online and pay on line: visit our Manchester Parks and Recreation Online Service Site at:

<https://apm.activecommunities.com/manchestervtrecreation/home>.



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## Brochure Sponsorship

The Town now offers limited, prime sponsorship space for the front page and interior pages. For further information please contact Liz Ambuhl, Director of Parks and Recreation at: 362-1439 or [l.ambuhl@manchester-vt.gov](mailto:l.ambuhl@manchester-vt.gov).

## Tennis Courts

For a fee you can reserve a tennis court. For further information please contact Liz Ambuhl, Director of Parks and Recreation at: 362-1439 or [l.ambuhl@manchester-vt.gov](mailto:l.ambuhl@manchester-vt.gov).

## Activity Room Rental

The Activity Room at the Park House is available for rent for birthday parties, meetings, and other gatherings. For further information please contact Liz Ambuhl, Director of Parks and Recreation at: 362-1439 or [l.ambuhl@manchester-vt.gov](mailto:l.ambuhl@manchester-vt.gov).

## Pool Rental

Have your next party at the swimming pool. You can rent the swimming pool with or without the Activity Room at the Park House for parties, and other gatherings. For further information please contact Liz Ambuhl, Director of Parks and Recreation at: 362-1439 or [l.ambuhl@manchester-vt.gov](mailto:l.ambuhl@manchester-vt.gov).

## Applejack Field Sponsorship Board Program

Be part of the excitement! Manchester Parks and Recreation is seeking sponsors for Applejack Field. Your sponsorship will include a 4 foot by 16 foot Sponsorship Board on the field fencing. For additional information please contact Ioana Drew, Operations Manager in the Town Manager's office, via email at [i.drew@manchester.vt.gov](mailto:i.drew@manchester.vt.gov) or (802) 362-1313 option 2.

## Manchester Parks & Recreation Vision Statement

“Creating community through people, parks, and programs.”

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Residents may also contact the Town Manager John O'Keefe at 802.362.1313 option 2 or [j.okeefe@manchester-vt.gov](mailto:j.okeefe@manchester-vt.gov).

*Office Hours:* Monday-Friday 8:30:00 AM-5:00 PM, with extended hours during the summer months or call for an appointment.

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*Director Cell Phone:* 802-362-0200

*Camp Phone:* 802-362-0209 (seasonal)

*Website:* [www.manchester-vt.gov](http://www.manchester-vt.gov)

*Thank you for your support of the Manchester Parks & Recreation.*

*We are looking for a few new volunteers. Please call the Park to see how you can get involved.*

*The Town thanks the Department of Public Works for their hard work and dedication maintaining our Parks.*

# EVENTS

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## Featured Events

### 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chili Challenge



Co-sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Manchester

**April 9**

**Wednesday, 5:00 PM-8:00 PM**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chili Challenge will held at the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Manchester Vermont. Different date and venue, same fun event for the entire family. The Chili Challenge showcases local chili, macaroni and cheese and/or your wing recipes. Come taste and vote for your favorite chili, mac and cheese, or wings while enjoying the music of the Battenkillers. This year all proceeds will go towards the 4th of July Fireworks and the Town of Manchester Summer StreetFests. Consider entering the chili challenge and or attend the event and enjoy a fun family night out. A special thank you goes out to the Fraternal Order of Eagles for their generous donation of the venue and sponsoring the 50/50 raffle. To enter the challenge contact the Manchester Parks and Recreation Department at 802-362-1439 or l.ambuhl@manchester-vt.gov.

**Location:** Fraternal Order of Eagles in Manchester, 2282 Depot Street, Manchester

**Fee:** \$6.00 per person

### Independence Day Celebration

**July 4**

**Friday, All Day**

**Rain Date July 5, Saturday**

The Town of Manchester is sponsoring and hosting the 2014 Independence Day Celebration at the Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park! Throughout the day the park will host live music, free swimming, and pool games. The Fireworks, which start at 9:30 PM are preceded by a tribute to the Equinox Guards, the Civil War Company from Manchester. Funding for the presentation is provided by an Education and Outreach grant from the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership. Please car-pool or walk to the fireworks, as parking will be limited to paved surfaces.

11:00 AM-6:00 PM Free Swim at the Pool

5:15 PM-8:45 PM Live Music

9:30 PM Fireworks

*Note: Schedule is subject to change*

**Location:** Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park

**Fee:** None

## Manchester StreetFests

**July 18, and August 15**

**Fridays, 6:00 PM-9:00 PM**

Live music with The Don't Leave Band, the antics of acrobats and a showcase of Vermont actors and musicians are set to entertain at the Manchester StreetFest on July 18 and August 15 from 6:00 PM to 9 PM. The two StreetFests will be staged along Historic Main Street from the Mountain Goat/Baptist Church to Thai Basil. The second StreetFest is subject to available funding/sponsorship.

The Don't Leave Band has been a favorite of concert goers throughout the region. Local musicians Lee Romano and Bill Muench lead the group in old rock-n-roll favorites on July 18. Their high-powered performance complements the street fare vendors selling great to-go food and celebratory beer and wine.

Be a vendor at one or both of the events or lend your support as a sponsor. For more information and application, contact Tricia Hayes via phone at 362-5333 or via email at t.hayes@manchester-vt.gov. Get ready to party!

**Location:** Historic Main Street from Thai Basil to Mountain Goat

**Fee:** None

# EVENTS

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## Dinosaur Fossils Presentation

**April 5** **Saturday, 1:00 PM-2:00 PM**

Learn all about dinosaurs. The presentation includes elements of minerals, crystals, and all fossils including dinosaur bones. The instructor, TJ Wollen, is a professional Geologist who has served in the field of Hydrogeology for more than 25 years. TJ has collected 1000s of samples of rocks, fossils and crystals over many years. His presentation is geared towards children 6-10 and will include a general discussion on Paleontology, Mineralogy, and information on rock cycle formation which will also include some dinosaur fossils (ie. dinosaur bones, and dinosaur trace fossils), some older smaller fossils such as trilobites and nautilodes, brachiopods and many other shell fish. TJ will also give the children an opportunity to touch a fossilized seafloor from over 250 million years ago. One of TJ's key points is to teach children the concept of Uniformitarianism-using the present to understand the past.

**Location:** Park House Activity Rm.

**Fee:** None

## Easter Egg Hunt

*Co-sponsored by the Manchester and the Mountains Chamber of Commerce*

**April 19** **Saturday, 10:00 AM**

Come and enjoy a fun filled morning with the Parks and Recreation crew as you search for over 2,000 eggs filled with candy. Children ages 10 and under bring your parents and see how many eggs you can find during this year's Easter Egg Hunt. For more information please contact Parks and Rec at 362-1439 or parks@manchester-vt.gov.

**Location:** Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park

**Ages:** 3-10

**Fee:** None. Parents please have your child bring their own basket or bag.

## Vermont Voltage Soccer Games

**May 24, June 21,** **6:00 PM**  
**July 16, 30, and August 16**

Professional soccer is back again this summer. The Vermont Voltage Premier Soccer Club will be playing 5 games at Applejack Field on 5/24, 6/21, 7/16, 7/30, and 8/16. All games start at 6:00 PM. Check out the schedule at [www.voltagesportsclub.com/Voltage/schedule.html](http://www.voltagesportsclub.com/Voltage/schedule.html).

**Location:** Applejack Field at Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park

## Lions Club Auction

*A Lions Club, Manchester tradition for over 60 years*

**August 1 - 2** **Friday and Saturday, 6:00 PM**

The Manchester Lions Club Auction will take place on Friday and Saturday, August 1 and 2 at 6:00 PM at the Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park. Please come for fun and food and help us help others in the community. The Lions Club has everything you need or don't need: antiques, furniture, lamps, toys, pictures, over 50 gift certificates from local merchants and maybe even a kitchen sink. For more information contact Russell Mills via email at [russellmillsvt@gmail.com](mailto:russellmillsvt@gmail.com) or call 366-8099. As the date gets closer, check us out on [www.AuctionZip.com](http://www.AuctionZip.com).

## Maple Leaf Half Marathon/ Kotler 5K Run/Fun Walk

**September 6** **Saturday, 8:00 AM**

Maple Leaf Half Marathon & 5K is the premier half-marathon in beautiful southwestern Vermont and provides outstanding race organization, enthusiastic volunteers, and a fun and challenging romp through the gorgeous New England countryside. This year will be our biggest and best yet! We are recommending everyone consider registering early, as we plan to cap our total number of runners and walkers for both races combined at 1,000.

**There will be no registration on Race Day!** Anyone wanting to participate will need to register online or by paper form. **Additionally, we will be starting both the half marathon and the 5k for both runners and walkers at 8:00 AM.** Please take the earlier starting time into account when making your travel plans.

The Maple Leaf will begin at the Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park and wander its way along backcountry roads and trails, Route 7 and back to the Park for the finish. There is also a 5-Kilometer run/walk that takes place at the same time. Food and beverages, music and an awards ceremony following the races. Any profits from the event will go toward funding Manchester Lions Club and other charities in the Northshire region of Vermont.

**Location:** Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park

**Registration deadline:** 9/3 at 11:59 PM or 1,000 registrations.

Please register on [manchestervtmapleleaf.com/mapleleaf/](http://manchestervtmapleleaf.com/mapleleaf/)

**Fees:** see website

# CAMPS

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## 2014 Equinox Explorers

### Summer Camp

June 30-August 15

No Camp on July 4  
Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

The 2014 Equinox Explorers Camp will discover the best of what the region has to offer for summer activities. The camp will run Monday to Friday from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM for seven weeks starting on June 30 and ending on August 15. Early morning and afternoon supervision will be available for an additional charge. Campers will actively participate in programs that will introduce a variety of skills in hiking, sports, nature, arts and crafts, trail riding, swimming and more. Friday is field trip day! Parents will receive a schedule of activities before the beginning of camp in order to prepare campers. Please note: Some days will require an additional fee to cover special activities. **NEW FOR 2014: MPR Camp Staff will escort your child(ren) to and from swim team practice during the MPR Summer Camp.**

**Location:** Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park Activity Rm.

**Ages:** 6-12

**Fee:** \$150.00 resident/weekly \$45.00/daily  
\$180.00 nonresident/weekly \$65.00/daily

AM and PM Supervision Available!

*Early Drop Off:* 8:00 AM-9:00 AM  
\$20.00/week or \$6.00/day

*Late Pick Up:* 4:00 PM-5:00 PM  
\$20.00/week or \$6.00/day

*Both:* 8:00 PM-9:00 AM and 4:00 PM-5:00 PM  
\$35.00/week or \$10.00/day

## Junior Golf Camp

Camp 1: July 7-10

9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Camp 2: July 14-17

9:00 AM-11:30 AM

The Parks and Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Equinox Golf Course and Manchester Country Club is offering two Junior Golf Camps. The camps include training for all levels of play. If your child is interested in learning the game or fine tuning their swing with some top level golf instruction this is a great opportunity for kids ages 8 to 16.

Players will be instructed according to age and skill level. The camps include instruction in putting, chipping, short/long iron play, and driving. Daily contests and prizes. Each Camp will hold a Championship on the last day of camp (Thursday); format will be a 3, 9 or 18 hole tournament depending on the age/skill level.

Please note: Camper/player should bring their own equipment. Some rentals/loaners are available upon request.

For more information or to register please contact TJ Wollen at 362-1439 or via email at [t.wollen@manchester-vt.gov](mailto:t.wollen@manchester-vt.gov).

**Location:** Camp 1: Equinox Golf Course  
Camp 2: Manchester Country Club

**Ages:** 8-16

**Fee:** 150.00/Camp

## Dog Park

The Manchester Dog Park was established in 2008 by a group of dedicated dog lovers and volunteers and is southwestern Vermont's only public space that offers dogs a chance to meet, romp and socialize off-leash in a safe, welcoming environment. MDP is centrally located within the Dana L. Thompson Recreation Park and is free and open to the public from dawn to dusk, year-round. It offers a 1/2 acre of securely fenced, open play area with three separate sections. Two of the sections are designed for training sessions or more timid, elderly or smaller dogs. All friendly, healthy and licensed dogs are welcome at the park, whether they hail from Manchester, neighboring towns, or are visitors to the Manchester area.

While the canine companions cavort, owners have an equally good opportunity to socialize with other dog-lovers. There are benches for relaxing and enjoying the beautiful mountain and Recreation Park views. The park provides Mutt Mitts to pick up the inevitable deposits from our doggie friends and covered barrels to dispose of the waste. Keeping the park clean and safe is everyone's responsibility.

The MDP is a 501(c)3 organization and relies on your donations. We need your help to ensure this valuable community asset continues to thrive. Donations can be sent to MDP, PO Box 568, Manchester Center, VT 05255. For further information please check our website at [www.manchestervtdogpark.org](http://www.manchestervtdogpark.org) or email us at [info@manchestervtdogpark.org](mailto:info@manchestervtdogpark.org).

# FITNESS TENNIS

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## Kripalu Yoga

**Starts April 3**      **Tues & Thus, 9:00 AM-10:30 AM**  
**5:00 PM-6:30 PM**

Join instructor Edna Meyer in the Park House Activity Room to start and/or end your day with relaxation. Bring your own mat as you prepare for the day in the morning or wash away the stress in the evening. Edna will guide you through Kripalu Yoga, which combines beginner to moderate yoga, meditation, breathing & asana practice, and yogic principles.

Edna is a certified Kripalu Yoga instructor. She has studied yoga, its practices and philosophies, since 1994. Prior to teaching yoga, Edna was the owner and operator of Edna's Garden in Peru, an organic grower of herbs and flowers.

**Location:** Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park Activity Rm.

**Ages:** Adult (18 and up)

**Fee:** Residents-\$12.00/drop-in class; Nonresidents-\$15.00/drop-in class

## Precision Walkers

**Year Round**      **Wednesdays, 10:00 AM**

The Parks and Recreation is offering a 1-Mile Precision Walk Program where walkers take to the 1-Mile Loop around the Park to see who comes closest to their estimated time. The Precision Walk is based on estimated time, not speed, making it an enjoyable way to stay in shape or get in shape gradually. All ages welcome! Refreshments follow while the results are tallied.

**Location:** Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park

**Fee:** None (donations are encouraged to cover refreshments)

## Cliff Drysdale Summer Tennis Camp

**June 16-20; June 23-27; June 30-July 4; July 7-11**  
**Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

Join the Cliff Drysdale Tennis Professionals as they bring their successful program to the Manchester Parks and Recreation Department. The Cliff Drysdale Summer Tennis Camp focuses on helping children of all abilities to improve their game in a fun, exciting, and educational setting. The proven formula of skills and drills, point play, and team competition will see your child's game improve while maximizing the fun. Camps are open to children ages 5-10 and will be broken into age/ability groups. To register please contact Robert Menzies at 802-297-4236 or email: [r.menzies@cliffdrysdale.com](mailto:r.menzies@cliffdrysdale.com).

**Location:** Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park

**Ages:** 5-10

**Fee:** \$150.00 per week

## Free Tennis Lessons

**May 3-June 28**      **Saturday mornings**

Free Tennis Lessons are available at the Manchester Parks and Recreation Department through the generous contribution from the Vermont Junior Tennis Foundation and Rudy Kugler. Please join us and learn a skill that will last a lifetime. For more information please contact Patrick Monroe at 802-375-9797.

**Location:** Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park

**Times:** 9:00 AM-10:30 AM Adults (18 and up)

10:30 AM-11:00 AM Tiny Swingers ages 6 and under (parents must accompany their children)

11:00 AM-12:30 PM Youth ages 6-13

## Drop Off Care while You Exercise at the Park

**Starts May 7-October 29**      **Wednesdays, 5:15 PM-6:30 PM**

**NEW THIS YEAR!** With warm weather just around the corner, drop your kids off in the Activity Room for supervised care while you walk, jog the path at the Rec Park or play tennis. The only pre-requisite is that you stay at the park, have a good time, and exercise.

**Pre-registration is required.** Please contact the Manchester Parks and Recreation Department at 362-1439

**Location:** Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park Activity Room

**Ages:** 4-12

**Fee:** Residents-\$2/child; Non-residents-\$3/child

# SOCCER

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## Pre-School Community Soccer

*April 26, Saturdays, 9:30 AM-10:30 AM*  
*May 3, 10, 17, and 24*

Thanks to enthusiastic parents, and our volunteer coaches, we are able to once again offer community-wide soccer for pre-school children. This program meets on Saturday mornings for one hour of soccer skills and fun games. For more information, please contact TJ Wollen at the Manchester Parks and Recreation Department at 362-1439 or via email at [t.wollen@manchester-vt.gov](mailto:t.wollen@manchester-vt.gov). Please remember that parents must be there for their child during this event; no child should be left unsupervised. Registration will be capped at 100 participants. *Register early!*

**Location:** Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park

**Registration deadline:** April 5

**Ages:** 3-5

**Fee:** \$20.00/resident; \$30.00/nonresident (includes t-shirt)

## Sandlot Soccer/Swim

*July 9, 16, 23, 30 Wednesdays, 5:30 PM-7:00 PM*  
*August 6, 13, 20*

The Gate House Financial Advisors, and the Manchester Parks and Recreation will offer Sandlot Soccer/Swim on Wednesday nights from 5:30 PM-7:00 PM for 7 weeks starting July 9. Sandlot Soccer/Swim is pure pickup soccer - no drills, laps, lecturing coaches, or whistle-happy refs. The kids choose their own teams, ref their own games, make their own rules, and have their own fun. Everyone plays - everybody wins. After the game, players are invited to cool off at the pool at no charge. Sandlot Soccer/Swim is divided into two groups by grade. Group #1 is for grades 3 through 5 and Group #2 is for grades 6 through 8. Complimentary tee shirts will be provided while supplies last. For more information, contact Steve Houseman or David Gates of Gate House Financial Advisors at 362-5544.

**Location:** Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park

**Ages:** based on grade level

Group #1 is for grades 3 through 5

Group #2 is for grades 6 through 8

**Fee:** None thanks to the

Gate House Financial Advisors

## VT Voltage Pro Soccer Academy

*June 16-20, July 14-18, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM*  
*August 4-8, August 18-22*

Vermont Voltage 2014 Pro Soccer Academy returns June 16-20, July 14-18, August 4-8, and August 18-22. Each student will receive a soccer ball, camp t-shirt, and a ticket to a Voltage Game at Applejack Field. Camp focuses on fundamentals, sophisticated soccer techniques and sportsmanship. Improve your technique and meet some new friends.

**Register on line at [www.vermontvoltage.com](http://www.vermontvoltage.com); or via email at [voltagecamps@gmail.com](mailto:voltagecamps@gmail.com); or call the Voltage Office at 802-527-1077.**

**Location:** Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park Lyons Field

**Ages:** 5-18. Camp will be divided by skill and age group.

**Fees:** \$115.00/person, 2nd child from same family \$105.00

## Challenger British Soccer Camps

*July 21-25 various times*

British Soccer Camps provide young players with the rare opportunity to receive high-level soccer coaching from a team of international experts right in the heart of their own community. Each British Soccer Camp provides players of all ages and abilities the appropriate program and level of curriculum and a wonderful cultural and educational camp experience.

**Location:** Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park

**Times and Fees:**

First Kicks:	Ages 3-4	9:00 AM-10:00 AM	\$74.00
Mini Soccer:	Ages 5-6	10:15 AM-11:45 AM	\$94.00
Half-Day:	Ages 7-11	9:00 AM-12:00 PM	\$140.00
Half-Day:	Ages 12-16	4:00 PM-7:00 PM	\$140.00

Register online at [www.challengersports.com](http://www.challengersports.com).



# SWIM

## EVENTS CAMPS FITNESS TENNIS SOCCER

### 2014 Swimming Pool Schedule

Dates of Operation: June 16 to August 24, 2014. (Weather dependent, subject to change)

	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>Sun</i>
<b>7:00-11:00 AM</b>	Swim Team	Swim Team		Swim Team	Swim Team		
<b>9:00-10:45 AM</b>			<i>NEW Family Swim</i>				
<b>11:00-12:30 PM</b>	Adult Lap Swim	Adult Lap Swim	Adult Lap Swim	Adult Lap Swim	Adult Lap Swim	Adult Lap Swim	Adult Lap Swim
<b>12:30-5:00 PM</b>	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim	Open Swim
<b>5:00-6:00 PM</b>	Swim Lessons	Swim Lessons	Swim Lessons	Swim Lessons	Swim Lessons Make-Up		
<b>6:00-8:00 PM</b>	Open Swim	Swim Meets (schedule TBD)	Open Swim/ Sandlot Soccer & Swim	Open Swim	Swim Team		

- Notes:*
- Pool schedule is subject to change due to weather, swim meets, and water clarity.
  - Due to Swim Team meets, the pool will close at 4:00 PM on Swim Team Meet Days. See page 10 for more information about the Triton Swim Team
  - Call 362-1439 for up-to-date pool information. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult (over the age of 18). Animals are not allowed in the pool area.

#### *NEW! FAMILY SWIM*

The pool will be open on Wednesday mornings from 9-10:45 AM for family swim. This time slot was implemented to meet the morning swim needs of families with young children.

#### 2014 Season Pool Membership Rates

Adult <sup>1</sup>	\$60/Residents	\$100/Nonresidents
Youth <sup>2</sup>	\$40/Residents	\$70/Nonresidents
Senior <sup>3</sup>	\$40/Residents	\$100/Nonresidents
Swim Team*	\$25/Residents	\$40/Nonresidents
Family Cap**		

#### 2014 Daily Pool Membership Rates

Adult <sup>1</sup>	\$6/Residents	\$10/Nonresidents
Youth <sup>2</sup>	\$4/Residents	\$7/Nonresidents
Senior <sup>3</sup>	\$4 /Residents	\$10/Nonresidents

<sup>1</sup>: Age 18+      <sup>2</sup>: Age Under 18      <sup>3</sup>: Age 65+

*For resident status information please see page 11*

\*All Swim team participants will need to purchase a Swim Team Pool Membership or Youth Membership to swim on the team.

\*\*Family Cap: No household headed by a Manchester Resident shall spend more than a total of \$200.00 for season pool passes for immediate family members during the pool season. Infants and toddlers three years old and younger may enter the pool without charge with the paid admission (season pass or day pass) of an adult (18 years of age or older).



### Swim Lessons

The Manchester Parks and Recreation Department offers swim lessons Monday through Thursday from 5:00-6:00 PM starting June 23. Each session runs for two weeks utilizing Fridays for any cancellations due to weather or programming. All lessons are under the direction of the Water Safety Instructor and are 25 minutes in length. As participants complete a level, they will receive a detailed outline of the skills with recommendations for future lessons. To enter a course, students must either have documentation from the previous level or be able to demonstrate course requirements.

**Fee: \$40.00 Residents, \$30.00 Residents Pool Members, \$55.00 Nonresidents, \$35.00 Nonresidents Pool Members**

#### **Pre-Level One: “Whales Tales”**

Lessons focus primarily on becoming comfortable in the water. Water Safety Skills are introduced and the basics of swimming are covered.

#### **Level One: “Water Exploration”**

Students learn basics of swimming: bobbing, floating in prone and supine positions, gliding in prone and supine positions, front crawl, basic safety rules, and jumping in.

#### **Level Two: “Primary Skills”**

Students should already be able to float on front and back and put head underwater. Students work on floating, gliding, flutter kick, front crawl, back crawl, turning over from front to back and back to front, retrieving object, and jumping into deep water.

#### **Level Three: “Stroke Readiness”**

Students should be able to swim front and back crawl. Students work on: gliding, front crawl, back crawl, elementary backstroke, retrieving object, treading water, jumping into deep water, and the basics of diving.

#### **Level Four: “Stroke Development”**

Students should already be able to swim front and back crawl 10 yards, elementary backstroke, and kneeling dive. Students work on deep water bobbing, rotary breathing, front crawl, back crawl, elementary backstroke, scissors kick, sidestroke, whip kick and breaststroke, intro to turning at wall, treading water with modified scissors, breaststroke, rotary kicks, and diving in stride and standing posi-

#### **Level Five: “Stroke Refinement”**

Students should already be able to swim front and back crawl 25 yards, elementary backstroke 10 yards, scissors kick, whip kick, treading water and diving. Students work on alternate breathing, stride jump, diving from board, long shallow dive, front and back crawl, elementary backstroke, sidestroke, breaststroke, dolphin kick and butterfly, open turn on front and back, feet first surface dive, and treading water. Classes will be scheduled per students’ request.

#### **Level Six: “Skill Proficiency”**

Students should already be able to swim front and back crawl 50 yards, elementary backstroke 25 yards, sidestroke 10 yards, butterfly 25 yards, tread water for 3 minutes, and dive. Students work on all six strokes, front and back crawl flip turn, breaststroke turn, breaststroke speed turn and pullout, butterfly turn, sidestroke turn, pike and tuck surface dive, pike and duck dive from board, tread water for 5 minutes, and basic water rescue. Classes to be scheduled per students’ request.

#### **Special Needs Swimming**

The Manchester Parks and Recreation Department will be offering swimming lessons to swimmers on an individual basis geared for children ages 5-16 who have emotional and/or physical disabilities. Lessons are offered twice per week for 25 minutes. Each session is two weeks in length or 4 lessons. To register please contact the Manchester Parks and Recreation Department at 802-362-1439.

**Dates & Times:** TBD based on swimmers requests

**Fee:** TBD

#### **Private Swim Lessons**

The Town of Manchester Parks and Recreation Department will be offering private swim lessons for youth and adults at the Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park swimming pool. Each lesson will focus on individual goals and last for 30 minutes.

**Fee: Residents-\$30.00/half hour, Non-residents-\$35.00/half hour**

# SWIM

## EVENTS CAMPS FITNESS TENNIS SOCCER

### Swim Lessons Schedule

Session One:  
June 23-July 4

5:00 PM	5:30 PM
Pre-Level 1	Level 2
Level 1	Level 3
Level 2	Level 4

No lessons on Friday July 4.

Session Two:  
July 7-July 18

5:00 PM	5:30 PM
Pre-Level 1	Level 1
Level 1	Level 4
Level 2	Level 3

Session Three:  
July 21-August 1

5:00 PM	5:30 PM
Level 4	Level 2
Level 3	Level 3
Level 1	Pre-Level 1

Session Four:  
August 4-August 15

5:00 PM	5:30 PM
Level 1	Level 1
Level 2	Level 4
Pre-Level 1	Level 3

Please note that if certain levels do not fill, we may offer more popular levels at that time. Please call the Manchester Parks and Recreation Department if you have any questions or need assistance with a swimming level.

### Triton Swim Team

*June 16-August 9*

Do not miss the opportunity to join a dedicated group of swimmers for a summer of competition and camaraderie. Experience great team spirit, exercise and fun in a supportive environment.

#### Practice Times:

Advanced Swimmers	Intermediate Swimmers	Beginner Swimmers
M, Th 7-9 AM	M, Th 9-10:30 AM	M, Th 9-10 AM
T, F 9-11 AM	T, F 7-8:30 AM	T, F 7-8 AM
W, F 6-8 PM	W, F 6-7:30 PM	W, F 6-7 PM

Note: Wednesday practices only on 6/18, 6/25 and 7/2

**Pre-Requisite:** Ability to swim one length of the pool unassisted and the willingness to have fun!

**Ages:** 5-19 (Please note 5 year olds must have a parent or guardian present on deck during practices).

**Fee:** \$155.00 team fee per swimmer plus Swim Team Pool Membership (residents: \$25.00, nonresidents \$40.00) or Youth Pool Membership (residents: \$40.00, nonresidents \$70.00). Each additional swimmer from the same family receives a 10% discount on team fee only.

**Swim Team Meet Schedule:** The swim team has a complete meet schedule with home and away meets. The three home meets are TBD. Please note that on these dates the pool will close at 4:00 PM for meet preparation.

*Please note if your swimmer is in the Manchester Park and Recreation Day Camp our counselors will pick up and drop them off for swim team practice.*

## Adventure Parks Tickets

Plan a family trip to some nearby Amusement Parks in Lake George NY, Six Flags New England, or Bromley Sun Mountain Adventure Park and prepare for a full day of fun! Discounted tickets are available for purchase in the Town of Manchester Town Manager's Office at Town Hall and are good for any date during the 2014 season. Save time and money by buying your tickets through us and you will be supporting the Vermont Recreation and Parks Association.

*Bromley Sun Mountain  
Adventure Park*

**VRPA Price - \$28**

*The Great Escape &  
Splashwater Kingdom*

**VRPA Price - \$35  
Daily Parking Pass - \$15**

*Six Flags New England*

**VRPA Price - \$38**

# 2014 Registration Information

## How to Register

### 1. Mail in (Check, Cash or Money Order)

Mail in registrations are accepted year-round. Simply fill out the registration form (available in this brochure or on line at [www.manchester-vt.gov](http://www.manchester-vt.gov)) and mail to:

Manchester Parks and Recreation  
Attn: Program Registration  
6039 Main Street  
Manchester Center VT 05255

Please make checks payable to the: **Town of Manchester.**

### 2. Walk-In

Registration hours are Monday-Friday 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, with extended hours during the summer months. You can register anytime online on our Active website. The Manchester Parks and Recreation office is located at 340 Recreation Park Road in the Park House across from Applejack field.

### 3. On Line

To register online, visit our Manchester Parks & Recreation Online Service site at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/manchestervtrecreation/home>. Access your existing account or create a new one and experience the convenience of online registration for activities, facility rentals and more. Most major credit cards are accepted.

## Resident Status

To receive resident rates when attending drop-in and/or daily admission activities or registering for a program, Manchester residents must produce a valid I.D.

### Resident (defined)

- Lives in the Town of Manchester more than 6 months per year, or;
- Owns property (either commercial or residential) and pays property taxes to the Town of Manchester, or;
- Is a registered voter in the Town of Manchester, or;
- Owns a business in the Town of Manchester and can provide proof (tax license, for example)

### Immediate Family Member (defined)

For the purpose of this fee schedule, a family member shall mean a spouse, son, daughter, step-son, step-daughter, dependent for tax purposes, employee of the municipality, sewer or water department of the Town of Manchester or a ward of a legal guardian that is a resident of the Town of Manchester. Immediate family members of "residents" as defined above shall be considered residents.

### Proof of Residency

- Listed on Town of Manchester voter check-list
- Name appears on Town of Manchester Grand List
- Provides utility bill (electric, telephone, cable) with a physical address in Manchester
- Provides a valid State of Vermont drivers license with a physical Manchester address
- Current Manchester tax bill or water bill
- Current Town of Manchester employee I.D. badge
- Provide a signed and current copy of lease, valid for more than 6 months
- Another form of proof accepted by the Director of Parks/Rec

## Payment Methods

The Manchester Parks and Recreation will accept cash, personal checks drawn from a Vermont bank, and money orders for the payment of fees. Most major credit cards are accepted. There will be a \$25 service fee for all checks not honored for any reason by the bank.

## Fees

Full payment must be made at the time of registration. We are unable to confirm a registration until payment is received. Resident fees are for those who either live in or own a business in Manchester. See resident status below.

## Confirmation

A confirmation will be sent to the email account listed on your household account. Please be sure that your household account is accurate. When registering in person, you will receive a confirmation at that time.

## Wait List Procedure

Waiting lists are a source of contact and do not guarantee that you will receive a call back. You will receive a call back only if a space becomes available.

## Late Registration

Registrations will be accepted, on a space available basis, until the beginning of each program. Please note that late registrants will not receive the early bird discount. Registrations will generally not be accepted after a program has commenced.

## Refund Policy

The Manchester Parks and Recreation Department strives for excellence in everything that we do. In the event that a refund must be made, it will be done according to the following guideline:

- A full refund will be issued in the event that a class/program is cancelled by the Manchester Parks and Recreation. You may choose a household credit or check refund.
- In the event that you are unable to attend the class/program that you registered for, every attempt will be made to move you to a different section. If another section is not available, we will issue a full refund in the form of a household credit, minus a \$10.00 processing fee.
- All check refunds will follow the Town's bill paying schedule and be issued by Town check. This process may take several weeks. There will be no cash refunds.

# *Manchester Parks and Recreation Registration Form*

Parent/Guardian First and Last Name (Spouse/Significant Other) E-mail Address

Home Phone Work Phone Emergency Contact (non -parent) Phone Relationship

Mailing Address (Box/Street) (Town) (State/Zip)

Physical Address (Street Address Only) (Town) (State/Zip)

### *Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement*

**Waiver:** In consideration of permission to use, today and on all future dates, the property, facilities, staff, equipment and services of the Town of Manchester (herein "Town" and that includes its agencies, departments, divisions, offices, officers, employees, and agents), for myself, my heirs, personal representatives or assigns, I do hereby release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue the Town, from liability, from any and all claims, including negligence resulting in personal injury, accidents or illnesses (including death), and property loss arising from, but not limited to, participation in activities, observation, and use of facilities, premises, or equipment. I further recognize and acknowledge that any such claim is barred by the doctrine of sovereign immunity.

**Assumption of Risks:** This use of Town property, facilities, staff, equipment, and/or services carries with it certain inherent risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries. The Town has facilities for and provides for activities such as social events, community outreach, clinics, camps, and day care. Some of these involve situations, environments, or activities that may lead to illness, physical injuries, and psychological stress or damage. The specific risks vary from one activity to another, but the risks range from 1) minor injuries such as scratches, bruises, sprains, and embarrassment; 2) major injuries such as joint or back injuries, heart attacks, head injuries, and psychological trauma and; 3) catastrophic injuries including paralysis and death. I hereby assert that my participation is voluntary and that I knowingly assume all such risks.

**Indemnification and Hold Harmless:** I also agree to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD the Town HARMLESS from any and all claims, demands, actions, suits, procedures, costs, expenses, damages and liabilities of any description, including attorney's fees brought as a result of my involvement and to reimburse the Town for any such expenses incurred.

**Severability:** I agree that the foregoing waiver and assumption of risks agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the State of Vermont and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

**Acknowledgment of Understanding:** I have read this waiver of liability, assumption of risk, and indemnity agreement, fully understand its terms, and understand that I am giving up substantial rights, including my right to sue. I acknowledge that I am signing the agreement freely and voluntarily, and intend by my signature to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law. I have also read the Department's policies and procedures, and agree to abide by them.

Signature of Parent/Guardian of Minor (Under 18) Date Signature of Participant Date

### *Registration Information*

Participants Name	Age	Birth Date	M/F	Grade	Activity	Fee

*Please make checks payable to: TOWN OF MANCHESTER*

Mailing Address: 6039 Main Street; Manchester Center, VT 05255

Park Address: 340 Recreation Park Road; Manchester Center, VT 05255

Park Phone: 802-362-1439

Fax: 802-362-1314

Director Cell Phone: 802-362-0200

Website: www.manchester-vt.gov