

calendar of events

YOU CAN "BIRD BY EAR"

Got those bird songs down yet? How many times have you tried to spot that singing bird, but just couldn't find it? Wouldn't it be fun and satisfying to be able to identify birds by their song or call? Thanks to a unique series, co-sponsored by Sierra State Parks Foundation & the Mono Lake Tufa State Reserve (MLTSA), you can listen to bird sounds and learn to associate those songs with the actual bird.

Dave Marquart, MLTSA Park Interpretive Specialist, will help participants identify a variety of bird calls and songs and learn techniques to remember them. Marquart has been listening to the sounds of nature for most of his life. He's been entertaining visitors at Mono Lake with his bird calls for 28 years and has been leading bird walks for 17 years.

The 4-hour workshops begin at 8 a.m., geared to beginning and intermediate birders, but all levels of birders are welcome. Beginning near the shore of Mono Lake the group will visit a variety of habitats, gradually working its way up to higher environments in the Eastern Sierra.

Saturday workshop dates: June 6, 13 and 27. Fee: \$20/person. Workshops limited to 12 participants and fill quickly. RSVP today! Call 760.647.6331 or e-mail monolake@parks.ca.gov.

DEVILS POSTPILE OPEN

Devils Postpile National Monument and Campground will open to the public Friday afternoon, June 5. As of Saturday, June 6, the ranger station will be open daily during the 2009 summer season from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Ranger-led walks to the Postpile formation will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday during the month of June and every day during the rest of the summer. On this 1-hour walk, a park ranger explains the geology, ecology and human history of the monument.

And the park's popular evening programs will return once again to the amphitheater next to the ranger station on Friday and Saturday nights from 8:30-9:30 p.m. beginning June 19. Evening Program topics vary from week to week.

Shuttle bus service (\$7/person) begins operation on June 13th, running between 7am and 7pm.

A change this year is that the shuttle route has expanded to start in the Village in Mammoth Lakes on a few

TOWN STUFF

**Thursday, June 4/
Final Registration for Mammoth AYSO soccer** in the Mammoth Elementary Library, 4-6 p.m. Fees include insurance, uniform to keep, magazine, coaching and more. \$50 per player, \$40 for siblings. Players who register on time are guaranteed placement on a team provided there are sufficient coaches. Mammoth AYSO will train new coaches, referees and non-coaching volunteers. Players that register a newbie get a gift certificate from McDonalds! Contact Regional Commissioner Stuart Brown at 914.0699 or America Hernandez at 934.4450. More info: www.mammothayso.com.

**Friday, June 5/
Devils Postpile National Monument and Campground** opens to the public. (See more details on this page.) **Family Film Nights at the Mammoth Lakes Library** picks up this weekend, with Walt Disney's 1940 animation classic, "Pinocchio." (G). Free, 7 p.m.

UPCOMING

June 6: Celebrate National Trails Day at Sherwin Lakes Trail in Mammoth Lakes. Get your hands dirty with Friends of the Inyo and Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access (MLT-PA). The day will include a morning of trail work tasks suited for all volunteers, lunch and an afternoon exploration. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Sherwin Lakes trailhead, off Sherwin Creek Road. Info: 760.873.6500 or www.FriendsoftheInyo.org.

June 9: Parade of Homes in Mammoth Lakes, 1-4 p.m. Tix available at the

AT THE MOVIES

Minaret Cinemas

Up (PG): From Disney/Pixar comes the quirky animated adventure "Up," a comedy about senior-citizen balloon salesman Carl Fredricksen, 78, who fulfills his lifelong dream when he ties thousands of balloons to his house and flies away to the wilds of South America. But he discovers all too late that his biggest nightmare — Russell, an overly optimistic 9-year-old Wilderness Explorer — has stowed away on the trip! Directed by the Academy Award®-nominee Pete Docter, who also helmed "Monsters, Inc." ... one of Pixar's biggest hits.

Terminator: Salvation (PG-13): The fourth in the hugely successful series, this one sans the Governor, is set in post-war 2018. John Connor (Christian Bale) is the man fated to lead the human resistance against Skynet and its Terminators. But things are altered by the appearance of Marcus Wright, a stranger whose last memory is of being on death row. Was Marcus sent from the future, or rescued from the past? Meanwhile, they make their way to the heart of Skynet's operation, where they uncover a terrible secret behind its plans to wipe out mankind.

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Visit us online: www.mammothlakesmovies.com.
Call 760.934.3131 for shows and times.*

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Booky Joint. Info: 924.8227.

June 10: Eastern Sierra Audubon Society Potluck Picnic, 6 p.m. at Joan Benner's. Bring a dish and beverage, your own place setting and a folding chair, and friends & neighbors, for food and conversation Views of the Palisades and White Mountains. Board and officer elections. From Bishop, south on U.S. 395 past Klondike Lake, turn right on Reynolds Road. Turn left on Myrtle Lane; fourth house on the left. Info: Joan, 938.2929.

June 13: Mono County Democratic Central Committee meeting, 10 a.m. to noon at the home of Penny Burdeno. Call for directions, 935.4225.

June 13: Mammoth Lakes Cheerleading Workshop, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. on the Mammoth Elementary School field. Fee: just \$20, includes t-shirt, pom-pom and lunch provided by Quiznos. Open to all Elementary and Middle School girls, new or experienced. Info: Sheilah Brode, 935.4454.

June 14: Mammoth Mountain projected Closing Day, but it COULD be even LATER. Info: 934.2571 or www.mammothmountain.com.

June 27: Bridgeport Trout Tournament, hosted by The Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce Fisheries Enhancement Committee. Start 6:30 a.m.; cut-off 2 p.m. Check in at the Memorial Hall on School St. behind the Courthouse between 2-8 p.m. on Friday, June 26. Men, women & kids 15 and under divisions. DFG rules; no culling. Awards Dinner at the Memorial Hall on School St. behind the Court House. Hall opens at 4:45 p.m.; dinner at 5:15 p.m. Dinner included in entry fee. Extra dinners: \$15. Info: www.bridgeportfishenhancement.com.

of the morning runs; most shuttles will begin their route at the Mammoth Mountain Main Lodge. Shuttles will run from 7:15 a.m.-7 p.m. Info: www.fs.fed.us/r5/inyo/ or call the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center, 924.5500.

Also, Devils Postpile will begin its general management planning process this summer, seeking to develop a 15-20 year vision for management of the monument. Public scoping is estimated to begin in mid-June and extend through late September.

For more info, check local visitor centers and campgrounds, or visit the monument's web site (www.nps.gov/depo) for updated program schedules.

RETIREMENT PARTY

Mr. Glende is retiring from teaching after 36 years.

To commemorate this event, stop by the 5th grade playground at Mammoth Elementary on June 8 at 1 p.m. and bring a memory to share.

Better yet, write that memory down so it can be included in a retirement scrapbook



***lunch special
monday-friday**
all you can eat sushi \$20

***happy hour**
3-6:30 daily
\$5 hand roll & pbr
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