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Winterfest 2010

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Spotlight on Staff: Hector Urrea



Hector is one of the Office of Youth Services counselors who is committed to providing youth with outlet programs. I like to work with families from diverse cultures no matter their origin or social status. Hector enjoys providing guidance to individuals with specific needs at school and encouraging dialogue between parents and teens.

Winterfest 2010 Video

Check out our promotional video of Winterfest 2010 on MCTV and Youtube highlighting the programs being offered by OYS and several participating organizations. Also be sure to stop by OYS during Winterfest so you can pickup passes to programs that require them.



Director's Corner

Another February School vacation is coming soon and once again, Winterfest will offer the children, youth, and families of the greater Manchester area a variety of activities to entertain and educate. In this year marking the third decade of Winterfest, let's take a look at what prompted its inception.

Thirty years ago, youth serving agencies and individuals noticed that February School vacation was a tough time for families didn't ski or head south to Disney World. Cabin fever, exacerbated by whines that "there's nothing to do," heightened family tension and stress on parents and children alike. Led by the Office of Youth Services, Manchester's youth serving agencies organized Winterfest to offer low or no cost activities around the city. That first year, the emphasis was on outdoor recreation. Events that needed little or no equipment, like balloon races in the city parks, took place throughout the city.

As time passed, more events were added by businesses, agencies, and community partners. The City of Manchester Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery has been among the staunchest of Winterfest participants, providing skiing, skating, and basketball.

This year's Winterfest features a variety of programs offered by many public and private organizations in the Manchester area. Such programs include: Free swimming at SNHU, afternoon skating at JFK, discounted rock climbing at Vertical Dreams climbing gym, youth basketball 3on3 tournaments, special programs at the Manchester public library, family events at Charmingfare Farm, the Audubon Society and the Amoskeag Fishways. Certain programs require passes that are in limited stock and cannot be reserved.

Now, with hard economic times continuing, Winterfest is more important than ever. Please encourage everyone to visit the [OYS website](#), keep an eye on MCTV, and watch for Winterfest fliers in their schools. Fun in February is on the way!

If you have any questions about Winterfest, please call (603) 624-6470 or email mboldin@manchesternh.gov.

-Marty Boldin

Substance Abuse Hotline

Are you a parent concerned your child may be using drugs? Do you wonder what the symptoms of substance abuse are? Are you a teenager who is considering using drugs? All of your questions can be answered via our Substance Abuse Information Hotline, a free, confidential service, answered by live counselors, available 24/7, **(603) 665-6600**

Contact Us!

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Our Mission:

The City of Manchester Office of Youth Services helps all young people by providing effective solutions to a variety of challenges encountered by youth and their families.

By offering a supportive environment for young people to address issues like alcohol and drug abuse, juvenile delinquency, truancy, and problems at home, the City of Manchester Office of Youth Services helps disconnected youth.

Likewise, the City of Manchester Office of Youth Services also provides significant resources to young people who are catalysts for positive change in the community.

Office Hours:

Monday—Friday, 8:00 am—5:00 pm
Evening hours available by appointment.

Contact Us:

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November 3rd is Election Day! Don't forget to get out to the polls and make your vote count. The City of Manchester will have a poll station set up at every ward throughout the city. If you need to register to vote, or request an absentee ballot, please check the Manchester City Clerk's department website located at <http://www.manchesternh.gov/cityclerk>

African/Caribbean Celebration

When: Saturday, August 22
Time: 11am-6pm
Where: Veterans Memorial Park
More Info:

www.ujimacollective.org

ujima@netzero.com

(603) 627-4631

People Fest

When: Saturday, August 29
Time: 10am-6pm
Where: Veterans Memorial Park
More Info:

www.peoplefestnh.org

peoplefestnh@gmail.com

(603) 669-6253

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When: Sept. 18th-19th 11am-10pm Sept. 20th, 12 noon-5pm

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