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City of Manchester, New Hampshire

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Winterfest 2011 Programs



Winterfest 2011 is just around the corner here is a taste of programs that are being offered this year.

Science Enrichment Encounters Center,
Monday – Friday, admission discounted to \$6 with Pass

Currier Art Center
Winter vacation art camp.

Currier Museum
Free admission all week (closed Tuesday) with special family activities.

Amoskeag Fishways Winter Camp
Monday - Friday

Winterfest 2011

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. In partnership with 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 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 and are in limited stock and cannot be reserved.

Now, with hard economic times continuing, Winterfest is more important than ever. Encourage your clients 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!

-Marty Boldin

In the digital version

- Calendar of Events
- WinterFest 2011
- Community Friends
- Free and Local Manchester Programs.

Manchester Crimeline

Manchester Crimeline provides a telephone number and the ability to submit Web Tips to encourage citizens in the community to volunteer vital information helpful to law enforcement agencies to fight against crime.

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Community Calendar



Winter got you beat? Can't afford to get out of town for winter? Winterfest 2011 is your ticket to enjoying programs offered by several local area recreation business to help you enjoy the month of February. Our festival offers City of Manchester residents with local programs at discounted prices. For a complete listing of programs check out our website: <http://www.manchesternh.gov/youth>

If you want to know more about programs offered contact our office
Office of Youth Services 1045 Elm St.
603-624-6470
E-mail

PACT (Peer Action Changing Tomorrow)

Wednesdays 3:30pm-5:00pm Register by Friday February 4, 2011
marieg@ywcanh.org

PACT is a ten week co-ed peer educator training program offered to Greater Manchester high school students. Teens meet once a week to discuss important topics such as media literacy, healthy relationships, financial planning, and much more!

Souper Bowl Saturday

Saturday, Feb. 5 noon to 2 p.m.

Sarah Basbas 603-624-6560 [Website](#)

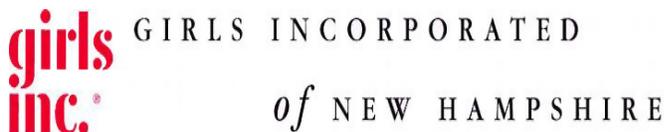
We're celebrating the Super Bowl by serving homemade soup, reading football books, and watching football videos. All are welcome to join us for lunch on Feb. 5, 12-2:00 at the West Manchester Community Library, Manchester.

Stop the Bullying: A Collaborative Approach

April 4th, 2011 8:00AM-4:00PM

Grappone Conference Center at the Courtyard Marriott
70 Constitution Avenue, Concord NH 03301

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