

PRESS RELEASE

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Celebrate The Season with Parks and Recreation

Fast Facts:

- The 2011-12 Winter Recreation Guide is online at www.missoulaparks.org
- [Santa's Calling](#) is December 14
- Christmas Evergreen Tree Recycling is December 26 through January 10

Winter Recreation Guide

Look for the 2011-12 Winter Recreation Guide [online](#) and in the Missoulian on December 4. Pick up a copy at Currents Aquatics Center or City Hall.

December 14: Santa's Calling

"Santa's Helpers" at Parks and Recreation will be calling children from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14. To have your child receive a call from Santa, visit missoulaparks.org to print a registration form or stop by Currents Aquatics Center in McCormick Park. Registration deadline is Monday, December 12. This program is free, but donations to Share The Fun Youth Recreation Grants are gratefully accepted.

December 16: Playful City USA \$1 Swim At Currents Aquatics Center

Celebrate Missoula's Playful City USA award at Currents! All ages swim for a \$1 on Friday, December 16, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Proceeds benefit Share The Fun Youth Recreation Grants.

December 22 through January 1: Currents Aquatics Center Holiday Hours

Currents is a great place to bring the kids when school's out! Regular admission, or buy a 10, 20 or 30-visit punch card to maximize your savings! From 1pm to 4pm during school breaks, bring 4 kids and get the 5th in free!

December 22	Recreation swim 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
December 23	Recreation swim 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
December 24	Recreation swim 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
December 25	Closed for Christmas Day.
December 31	Recreation swim 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., (free with First Night button), open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
January 1	Recreation (and lap) swim 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

December 27-29: Holiday Skating Clinic

Glide your way to active outdoor fun this winter! These three introductory lessons teach the basics of skating at Pineview Park. Bring your skates or rent at Army-Navy Economy Store, 721-1315. Class dependent on weather/ice conditions—call Parks weather line at 541-7200. Meets December 27-29 at Pineview Park. Ages 4 to 6, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., ages 7 to 10, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. \$20 or \$16 with resident discount card. Call 721-PARK or stop by Currents Aquatics Center to register.

December 31: Celebrate First Night at Currents

Free Swim at Currents Aquatics Center, 11am to 6pm with First Night Button. Children under 7 must be accompanied in the water by an adult. Open New Year's Day, 12-4pm.

December 26 to January 10: Christmas Ever Green Tree Recycling

Recycle your holiday tree and make a voluntary donation to plant new trees in Missoula. Drop sites: Playfair and McCormick Parks, Fort Missoula South Av. lot, and EKO Compost, 1125 Clark Fork Lane. No yard waste, garbage, tree stands or decorations please.

Get your Active 6 Parks and Recreation Pass today!

Active 6 is a community initiative to encourage 6th graders to GET MOVING! The program includes a Parks & Recreation Pass, a YMCA pass, and a Mountain Line bus pass. You'll have a blast trying these Parks and Rec activities with your friends: free swims at Currents Aquatics Center, free MOBASH skate gear check out, free fishing tackle or Blue Bike check-out, and free Open Ropes Course days when available. Stop by Currents Aquatics Center to sign up.

Give the gift of FUN this season!

Give the gift of fun this season! Parks and Recreation Gift Certificates provide the gift of active, healthy living. Certificates are good for any recreation program or at Currents and Splash Montana—purchase at Currents Aquatics Center. Look for the 2011-12 Winter Recreation Guide in the December 4 Missoulian, online at missoulaparks.org, or stop by Currents Aquatics Center to pick up a copy. This winter Parks and Recreation is offering exciting new recreation programs for all ages and interests.

New Parks and Trails Map Makes A Great Stocking Stuffer!

The new [24x36 full-color city map](#) details bike and pedestrian routes, city and county parks, and great hiking and biking options on City Open Space. A great stocking stuffer! Map is priced at \$4 at Currents and local retailers.

Currents Gift Packages

Currents Aquatics Center has fun gift ideas for the swimmer on your list. Gift packages, priced at \$10, \$20 and \$30, include a free swim pass, a water toy or goggles, special swimmers shampoo and more. Call 721-PARK for more information.

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