## Salem Recreation 2023 Events and Information



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#### Salem Recreation

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

60 NORTH 100 EAST SALEM, UTAH 801-423-1035

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A \$10.00 FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR ALL NON-RESIDENTS

<u>Activity</u>	Registration Begins	Registration
		<u>Ends</u>
Spring Soccer 2023	January 16 <sup>th</sup>	March 16 <sup>th</sup>
Boys Pitching Clinic	January 21st	March 21st
Urban Fishing	January 24 <sup>th</sup>	March 24 <sup>th</sup>
Spring Training Tournament	January 28 <sup>th</sup>	March 28 <sup>th</sup>
Youth Baseball/Softball — 3 <sup>rd</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	February 6 <sup>th</sup>	April 6 <sup>th</sup>
Girls Pitching Clinic	February 6 <sup>th</sup>	April 6 <sup>th</sup>
Adult Spring COED Softball	February 11 <sup>th</sup>	April 11 <sup>th</sup>
Youth Track	February 20 <sup>th</sup>	April 20 <sup>th</sup>
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Cheer Try-Out	February 27 <sup>th</sup>	April 27 <sup>th</sup>
T-Ball/Coach Pitch	March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	May 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Youth Grass Volleyball	March 16 <sup>th</sup>	May 16 <sup>th</sup>
June Tennis	March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Until Full
All Summer Camps	March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Until Full
Cheer (3 <sup>rd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	March 25 <sup>th</sup>	May 25 <sup>th</sup>
Women's Grass Volleyball	April 1st	June 1 <sup>st</sup>
Summer Flag Football	April 8 <sup>th</sup>	June 8 <sup>th</sup>
Tackle Football 3 <sup>rd</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	May 25 <sup>th</sup>	July 25 <sup>th</sup>
Fall COED Softball	May 26 <sup>th</sup>	July 26 <sup>th</sup>
Fall Tennis	June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Until Full
Fall Soccer 2023	June 15 <sup>th</sup>	August 15 <sup>th</sup>
Flag Football 1st-6th Grade	June 15 <sup>th</sup>	August 15 <sup>th</sup>
Ballroom Dance (Youth)	July 1 <sup>st</sup>	September 1st
Girls Volleyball League	August 10 <sup>th</sup>	October 10 <sup>th</sup>
Volleyball Pre-Season Camp	August 10 <sup>th</sup>	October 12 <sup>th</sup>
Men's Basketball	August 16 <sup>th</sup>	Until Full
Fall Hoopsters (1st-2nd Grade)	August 30 <sup>th</sup>	Until Full
Youth Basketball 3rd-12th Grade	September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	November 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Boys Volleyball 3rd-9th Grade	September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	November 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Indoor Soccer	October 7 <sup>th</sup>	December 7 <sup>th</sup>
Chess Camp	October 26 <sup>th</sup>	December 26th
Snowman Softball Tournament	October 26th	December 26th
Winter Hoopsters 2023 (1st -2nd Grade)	November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Until Full

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>All Dates and prices are subject to change. Please check our website
@ www.salemcity.org for up to date information.\*\*\*

\*\*Limited/Late Registration <u>MAY</u> be available after the "Registration Ends" date. Please call the Recreation Office to inquire about availability. A \$5.00 Late Fee will be assessed after the "Registration Ends" date.

Important Dates 2023:		
SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION	March 20 <sup>th</sup>	
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Cheer Tryouts	April 27 <sup>th</sup> & 28th	
Salem Community Theater Spring Concert	April 27 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup>	
Salem Easter Egg Hunt	April 8 <sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am	
Baseball/Softball Opening Day	May 4 <sup>th</sup>	
Salem Community Theater Summer Musical Dates 2023	July 21 <sup>st</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup>	
Salem Days	August 4 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	
Goosebump Gala	October 28th	
Pond Town Lighting	November 24 <sup>th</sup>	
Christmas Boutique	December 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	

Website: www.salemcity.org

E-mail: salemrecreation@salemcity.org

Salem Activity Center – 60 N. 100 E. Salem, UT - (801) 423-1035 Salem Community Center – 150 W. 300 S. (Above the Salem Pond)

#### **Baseball & Soccer Field Addresses**

Dream View - 185 E. Melonie Lane Loafer View Complex - 600 E. Canal Road Soccer Park - 1100 S. 300 E. Rodeo Arena - 751 W. Arrowhead Trail Vet's Field - 60 N. 100 E.

#### **Salem School Addresses**

Foothills Elementary - 412 S. 810 E. Mt. Loafer Elementary - 1025 S. 250 W. Salem Elementary - 140 W. 100 S. Valley View Middle School – 1044 E. 340 S. Salem Junior High – 598 N. Main Street Salem Hills High School – 150 Skyhawk Blvd

#### **Directory of Salem City's Parks**

#### Salem Wetland Park 70 E. Salem Park Circle, Salem

On the northwest boundary of Salem, you will find a 38-acre pond and wetland that encircle a 5-acre family use park. The park includes restrooms, a pavilion, a toddler playground and two miles of walking trails. During the month of May enjoy spectacular firefly watching. The park also has two large open grass areas for family play and incredible wildlife observation.

#### Salem Pond 200 W. 300 S., Salem

Visitors can fish and boat on this 17.32-acre pond located in the middle of Salem. There's ducks and other birds to watch as well as a walking path. Other amenities include parking, restrooms, picnic tables and two fishing piers. There are many handicapped-accessible fishing locations. Non-motorized craft are welcome on the pond from May through October. Motorized vehicles need a permit to be on the pond; contact Salem City for more information.

## Loafer View Recreation Complex 600 E. Canal Road, Salem

This 16-acre facility has five ball fields and a football field. The complex also offers batting cages, a playground, a large pavilion and a 9-hole Frisbee golf course. The complex is located next to Foothills Elementary School.

#### Veterans Memorial Sports Park 60 N. 100 E., Salem

Located near Salem's downtown area, this park has three ball fields, parking and a building - housing restrooms and a snack shack. There is also a small playground, two batting cages and a pavilion.

#### **Dream View Park**

#### 185 E. Melonie Lane, Salem

This neighborhood park includes a very interactive playground with multiple play accessories. Updated about five years ago, the playground offers much more for children than just swings and a slide. There is also a pavilion at the park and mature shade trees.

#### **Knoll Park**

#### 150 W. 300 S., Salem

Knoll Park offers a beautiful place to relax under the trees on the banks of Salem Pond. There's a sandy beach where you can launch your canoe, and a pavilion is available for rent for larger gatherings. Other amenities include a playground, grassy areas and a picturesque bridge that crosses the pond.

#### Salem Soccer Park

#### 1100 S. 300 E., Salem

This park has wide open grassy areas big enough for two soccer fields. There's also an area for parking.

#### Cole Park 300 W. 600 S., Salem

This is Salem's Family Destination Park. Known for one of the best playgrounds in Utah County. Other amenities include restrooms, pickleball courts, horseshoe pits, a walking path, and coming in the summer of 2023 a splash pad.

## Our Mission:

To provide an avenue for residents of Salem, both young and old, to achieve a lifestyle of fitness, growth, joy and skill development while improving self-worth and character. It is our mission to enhance the quality of life for current residents and future generations.

## Department Goals:

- Provide clean and safe parks, green spaces and recreational facilities.
- Provide efficient and valuable services to Salem residents.
- Effectively plan for the future needs of Salem residents.
- Continually strive to improve existing facilities while seeking opportunities for future development.
- Create a partnership with Salem residents and businesses to improve the quality of life for all, and promote commercial growth.

#### A few thoughts from our Staff...

#### The Value of Playing Recreation Sports

A couple of thoughts to help parents and participants gain what is offered from recreation sports. I grew up playing every sport that was offered in the late 80's and early 90's. My parents found sports to be an avenue to help raise their children. A place to find challenge, friendship, and discipline. We played to have fun, but success was a major factor in my experience. My parents may have over pursued the winning as what results in happiness. Winning is certainly more enjoyable than losing, but should never be the indicator of a successful day. A baseball player can go 2 - 4 at the plate and have 3 or 4 putouts and his team still loses. Yes, a win would have been great, but the result of the playing effort still leaves room for a feeling of success. Some of my best friends growing up were my teammates. The sport did not matter, the time spent working together to compete and be better, bound us as friends on the field and off. Discipline was a great by-product of so many of my sporting adventures. Some of the knowledge I gained as an athlete includes; not jumping offsides, paying attention to a play call or snap count, picking up on the coaches signals as a baserunner, and as a wrestler understanding the moves to attempt while my coach gave instruction. These are all great examples of learning to focus and be disciplined. All of these great experiences have transferred over to my adult life as an employee, parent, and volunteer.

Friendships and social interaction. Playing sports is a great place to find new friends. Often, we have parents call and request to have their child placed on a team, because their child's friend is on the team. This is referred to as, "social engineering" a way of choosing their child's friends. Yeah, we all want our kids around the best kids possible, but how do we know what the other kids are like, if we never get to meet them? The truth is kids pretty much can have a good relationship with anyone and everyone. It is just a matter of breaking out of their shell and giving it a chance. I have two great friends today - as an adult, who were teammates of mine. They were not my great friends in grade school. I knew them, but they were not my guys. Now as an adult we have much in common and

great memories of teams and events we had together. Trust me, your child can use more friends rather than 3 friends you handpicked.

What are your goals? What is it you or your child want to get out of the program? Big league dreams are great and should be allowed, but as a parent we need to realistically understand how collegiate and professional athletes get drafted. Good athletes do not get out of high school and have colleges waiting. Great athletes with special skills are the few who get financial payouts. I considered myself to be a very good athlete in my high school years. I ran the 100 meters in 10.80, that is and was fast. The-gift I was blessed with got me a D2 football scholarship. I swore Notre Dame should have been after me. I still don't know how they missed. After one season of football and a LDS mission, my goals and priorities had changed. I was still fast, but playing football was no longer my goal or drive. Now, 26 years later I am not fast. I am overweight and still wonder how Notre Dame missed me. Let your child's goals be their own goals, not the goals of the parent. Let them dream and if they really want to succeed, help them make the sacrifices it takes to get there. I promise, no sacrifice will result in no reward.

What are the real payoffs? Real Payoffs are the skills and character traits that come from being involved. This is why you want a good coach, so, your child is taught good things. Here are the questions to consider...Are you a good sports parent? Do you yell and scream at the coach or umpire? Do you make excuses as to why your child missed the game ending shot? Do you ask, "Did you win?" after every game, rather than, "How did the game go today?" The real payoff is your child becomes a better person, and is ready for other life challenges from qualities they learned while playing a sport. Qualities like the ability to keep pushing on when things get hard, or the capacity to show compassion to others, and to know when to show mercy (sportsmanship). The real payoff is your child becomes a person that makes the world a better place.

Mistakes parents make; Pressure, burnout, joy-sticking and withholding **love.** So as a parent I challenge you to not put so much pressure on your child that they fear failure by letting you, themselves, and their team down. If this is the case, it may be their last season. Burnout is real. Sports is meant to be fun and enjoyed. When playing sports turns into a job, and then a job with a bad boss and co-workers they will quit. I promise I have the best job on the planet when it comes to seeing this happen. Joysticking, what is this? It is when a parent is in the stands barking out orders, moves, and plays to their child. In place of letting the kid compete and try the game on their own, the parent tries to use them like a character in a video game. This is never fun and quickly cause the participant to quit. Lastly, don't withhold your love or approval of your child. If they strike out, or miss the game ending shot, this is when they need you the most. Your love and your calm voice telling them they will have another chance in the future is a reassuring message for them to try again. Beating them down quickly moves them to feeling unsuitable, or not wanting to play.

**Great memories:** Let youth sports be a time of great memories. A time they will have to look back on with great smiles and laughs. As a parent we can engineer the part of their lives where they gain skills and lessons. I invite you to let them live, laugh and love the moments.

If you ever want to visit on these topics, I can talk all day. I have some great stories to share.

**Matt Marziale**, Director of Water, Sewer, Roads & Recreation

Each year as we prepare to publish this book for the community, Matt and I have the opportunity to write up a message. The purpose is to communicate to the public thoughts that we have regarding parks and recreation in our community. In the past we have both chosen to cover things like growth and future projects, the real reason for community recreation programing, community health benefits, behaviors that we observe as we carry out our work, or maybe contributions that a strong parks and recreation program can and does make towards property values and quality of life in Salem. As I have thought about what the subject or theme should be for my 2023 write up, I kept coming back to a conversation we had with some juveniles this fall.

There was a group of good kids that made some poor choices this fall. The result of these choices fell on Matt and I both to decide how to deal with it. Our thought process as we decided how to handle it was - How can we best show these kids, and their parents, that we are a part of their village? With the cooperation of these citizens, we were able to carry out a solution that was appropriate, yet still effective. The result gave the kids an opportunity to own up to their mistake, while also protecting taxpayer dollars and public property.

Here is the nuts and bolts of our thought process, motivation and drive behind how we conduct business here at Salem Recreation .....

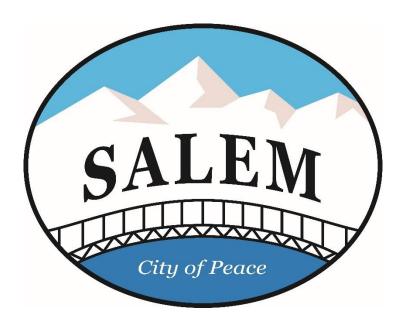
WE ALWAYS WANT TO BE A PART OF YOUR VILLAGE!

Being a part of your village is going to mean different things to each citizen. It can mean providing a nice park for you to take your family to and enjoy a picnic or participating in a youth recreation league. It can mean you enjoy Salem Community Theater as a part of the cast or an audience member. It can mean attending a city function like the Easter Egg Hunt or the Goosebump Gala. It can mean adult recreation programs, summer camps for kids, the senior citizen program or taking a class like hunters' safety. I especially hope for each citizen it means enjoying Salem Days!!! Please know that, as a department, we take being a part of your village seriously. We love the citizens of this community, and we value all the different ways we can serve you. All programs are important. We work hard to provide any program that the community is willing to get behind and support as well.

If you are still reading, thank you! Maybe consider how you can be a part of the village too.

We have big plans for Salem, I'm also confident the community will love the parks and trails that are currently in the works for our city. I look forward to the future, as together we continue to build an active thriving community that will remain a great place to live and raise a family.

# Jen Wright Salem City Recreation Assistant Director of Recreation



#### **Salem Senior Citizens**

Join us Tuesday's and Thursday's for lunch!
Lunch is provided at Noon to Senior Citizens
60 years of age and older,
for a suggested donation of \$3.
Please call 801-423-1035 one day prior to RSVP for lunch.
Lunch menus may be picked up at the Activity Center
or found on-line at www. salemcity.org
Annual Membership Fee: \$10 (Seniors over age 80 are free!)
Membership allows seniors to participate in the additional activities
we offer after lunch such as BINGO, Crafts, Games, Puzzles,
Entertainment, etc.
Come Join our Great Group of Seniors!





## Classes For Adults!

Bring your spouse or significant other for an entertaining series of ballroom dance classes. Whether you are an experienced ballroom dancer or just wanting to try something new, this class will have something for everyone!

Classes will be offered both in the <u>Fall and Winter</u>.
Instructed by Angie Lowe
Classes will be held one evening a week for 4-weeks.

Register Early - Space is Limited!
Please watch our website for detailed information on dates, times, and cost. www.salemcity.org

Gift Cards are available.



Classes:

January 20th, 27th & February 3rd - Date Night February 10th

# Bizzy Buddies



Rids burnin' energy, that's what Bizzy Buddies is all about.

This class is for kids 3-5 years old. It will be held at the Salem Activity Center once a week, mornings from 9:30-10:15 or 10:30-11:15. There will be a different theme each week for us to explore and celebrate through super fun obstacle courses and interactive play. Bizzy Buddies will help your child in developing listening skills, the ability to follow instructions and interact with other children. We are excited to offer this as a fun program for younger kids. Sessions will last six weeks for a cost of \$25.00. A \$10.00 non-resident fee does apply. Space per session is limited. Next Session: January 13th – February 17th

#### **Salem Catchers Skills Camp 2023**



Registration December 9th - February 9th

Salem Recreation is excited to offer a one-day skill development and drill camp. Camp will be held **February 11<sup>th</sup>.** The camp will be instructed by former BYU catcher Casey Cloward. The camp will be 1 hour and 30-minute sessions. Focus will be on drills that the youth can take back to practice as they work to become a more complete catcher. Kids 8-11 years old 2pm – 3:30pm, and 12-18 years old from 3:30pm – 5pm. Location TBA. Cost for this camp is \$15.00. Space is limited so register today at the Salem Recreation office.

#### <u>Lil' Flippers – Gymnastics 2023</u>

Lil' Flippers is for boys and girls ages 3-6 years who love to swing, jump, balance and roll! Kids play and learn on mats & equipment just their size! Classes will be held on Wednesdays at the Salem Activity Center. Six-50-minute classes for a cost of \$50. A \$10 non-resident fee applies. Register early, space is limited! Check the Salem City website for upcoming dates.

### **Concealed Weapons Permit Class**

Join us for the Concealed Weapons Permit Class.

You MUST be 17 years of age or older to attend.

Must attend the entire 4.5-hour class.

Instructor: Brett Christensen

January 14<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am – 1:30pm

Salem Community Center

Register @ www.salemcity.org or in the Rec. Office



Please watch our website for future class days and times.

## **Boys Pitching Clinic:**

Registration January 21st - March 21st

Salem Parks and Recreation is excited to offer a pitching clinic for **Boy's 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade** 

The camp will be instructed by Chase Castleberry.

Chase pitched at Salt Lake Community College, USU Eastern, and

Utah Valley University.

The camp will run for 1.25 hours. The clinic will focus on drills, mechanics, and proper throwing techniques.

Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>
3<sup>rd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 4:30pm-5:45pm
6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade 6:00pm-7:15pm
The cost is \$15.00 and space is limited!

We hope to see you there!

## YOUTH SPRING SOCCER

Once the weather breaks it is soccer season!

Recreational Youth Spring Soccer will be a 5-week season, starting April 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

All leagues will play 2 games a week.

 $Pre-K = Tuesday \& Thursday \ evenings \\ Kindergarten - 6^{th} \ Grade = Wednesday \& \ Friday \ evenings \\ 7^{th} - 9^{th} \ Grade = Tuesday \& \ Thursday \ evenings$ 

Team sizes will be smaller to allow more playing time and less field congestion. *All Leagues are COED* 

#### **Registration Dates:** January 16<sup>th</sup> – March 16<sup>th</sup>

at the Recreation Office. *Limited/late Registration may be available after March 16<sup>th</sup>*, 2023 - a \$5 late fee will be assessed.

#### **Leagues:**

Pre-K	\$35.00	
Kindergarten	\$35.00	
1st & 2nd Grades	\$35.00	\$10 non-resident fee applies.
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grades	\$40.00	\$10 non resident ree applies.
5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grades	\$40.00	
7th - 9th Grades	\$65.00 I	ncludes socks & jersey

All Pre-K -6<sup>th</sup> grade players will need a reversible Salem Rec. game jersey. Jerseys may be re-used year to year. Jerseys are sold for \$12.00 at the recreation office.

\*\*It is your RESPONSIBILITY to pick up your own jersey at the Recreation Office.\*\*

## **Urban Fishing Program**

Registration January 24th – March 24th

The Youth Fishing Program is open to youth in 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grades. This program is a joint venture between Salem Recreation and the Division of Wildlife Resource. The program focuses on educating youth about fishing and aquatic resources. The first class will be held at the Veterans Memorial Ballpark (downtown). All other classes will be held at Salem Pond. **The class will begin March 29**<sup>th</sup>. Registration for this program is \$20.00. Each participant should provide their own pole. This is a 6-week program. All kids registered before March 24<sup>th</sup> are guaranteed a Salem Urban Fishing t-shirt.

**Registration for Youth Fishing Program:** Register at the Salem Recreation office. An adult instructor will work with and supervise participants. The first 30 minutes will be spent learning fishing techniques and habitat needs. The remaining time will







WE ARE LOOKING FOR ADULTS THAT WOULD LIKE TO HELP INSTRUCT AND TEACH KIDS HOW TO FISH. INSTRUCTOR HOURS COUNT TOWARDS DEDICATED HUNTER HOURS. PLEASE CALL IF YOU WOULD ENJOY HELPING 801-423-1035.



#### Salem Spring Training Tournament April 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>



#### Championships on Saturday

Salem, Utah

Fee: \$500.00 per team "If" received by March 28th.

Late Fee: \$550.00 – schedule written April 3rd

4 game guarantee

All games will be afternoon and evenings. Two games per night, earliest start 3:00 p.m.

**Age Groups:** 9u, 10u, 11u, 12u, 13u & 14u age

Registration Deadline: March 28th - you may commit by e-mail prior to registration

(matt@upgbaseball.com). Register online @ www.salemcity.org



## OLD TIME ROCK'N ROLL





APRIL 27-29TH 2023 7:00 PM SALEM COMMUNITY CENTER

https://salemcommunitytheater.org

## Cheer Prep Clinic 2023

Registration January 15th - March 15th

For 8th - 11th Grade Girls

March 16th & 17th

3:00pm - 4:30pm

Cost: \$25.00

This clinic will be taught by former SHHS cheerleaders and Debi Lyman.



**Salem Easter Egg Hunt** For: Boys & Girls ages 0-10 years old The 2023 Easter Egg Hunt will take place Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, at Loafer View Recreation Complex.

Hunt will begin at 9:00am sharp, so come early.

Fields will be divided into age groups.









#### **Salem Youth Track Club**

Registration February 20th - April 20th

Salem Recreation will sponsor a youth track club for boys and girls 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This club will practice 1-2 times a week and participate in meets against clubs from other cities. Practices will be held at Salem Hills High School beginning April 20<sup>th</sup>. Meets will be held in various Utah County cities, and it will be the responsibility of parents to transport their child to and from. Registration for this program is \$45 and includes a track club t-shirt.

First practice will be held on April 20th

#### Pond Town Invitational Track Meet

#### Track Dates:

3<sup>rd</sup> grade - Track Meet May 3rd. Events are scheduled to start at 9:15 a.m. and conclude around 1:00 p.m. The three Salem Elementary Schools will participate.

4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> grade - Track Meet May 10th. Events are scheduled to start at 9:15 a.m. and conclude around 1:00 p.m.

\*\*Please note that only regular tennis shoes/sneakers may be worn to compete, no cleats or spikes.\*\*

\*\*This event will be a local meet, winners will be given certificates but they will not move on to a district or regional meet\*\*

# Come Audition for the Salem Community Theater?



#### 2023 – Oliver

Auditions Held @ The Salem Activity Center on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm - 9:30pm & Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00am - 4:00pm Call Back: Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm - 9:30pm

Performances will be held: July 21st, 22nd, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th & 29th

\*For more information go to www. salemcity.org click the recreation link and then click Salem Community Theater.

# Girls Softball Pitching Clinic: 3rd-8th Grade Girls

Registration February 20th - April 20th

Join us for our Softball Pitching Clinic! Our focus will be on pitching, and teaching proper techniques and pitching mechanics.

We hope to be able to help these young ladies with their softball endeavors!

Camp Date: Saturday, April 22nd & 29th

Time: 11:00am – 12:15pm

Where: Veteran Memorial Park

Cost: \$30.00

**Instructor: Bridget Cook** 

Camp is open to all levels of Players & Communities

All pitchers will need to bring their own catchers.

Catchers may be a parent or older sibling.



#### Adult Spring Coed Softball

Adult teams comprised of men and women will step to the plate Wednesday evenings at Loafer View Park. Teams will play 12 games scheduled over 8 weeks. Some evenings will include double header action. Space is available for 16 teams, which will be split into two divisions based on skill level and desired competition level. Rosters will allow 18 players per team. All players must be listed on the team roster in-order to play in games. League play will begin Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. A post season tournament will complete the season. Team organizational meeting will be held April 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00p.m. At Salem City Recreation Office. Teams that have a representative present will receive two additional practices games.

\*All bats must have a USSSA Stamp on them to be used.

**Registration Dates:** February 11<sup>th</sup>- April 11<sup>th</sup>. Registration fee is \$400 per team (No out of town fees). After organizational meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup> limited/late registration may be available for a \$25 late fee.



#### Men's Wood Bat League - Slow Pitch Softball

Registration February 11th - April 11th

Salem Parks & Recreation will offer a men's wood bat league. Games will be played on Thursday evenings at Salem Loafer View Complex. 12 games will be played with a post season tournament. Game times will be 55 minutes or 7 innings. Games will start anywhere from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm and will begin on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$400 per team - no out of town fees. Fees are due April 11<sup>th</sup>, additional \$25 late fee after organizational meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup>. League rules will be Salem Recreation Softball/ "Old School" USSSA Rules.

Team organizational meeting will be held April 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00p.m. At Salem City Recreation Office.



#### YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

Youth Baseball & Softball is for boys and girls 3<sup>rd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

**Registration:** At the Salem Recreation Office or online @ www.salemcity.org. (*PICTURES ARE NOT INCLUDED IN FEE*). Leagues are divided by gender and age group. After teams have been drafted, registration will be accepted on a space availability basis. Get in early! **Boys and Girls 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grades** - league will play the majority of their games Tuesday & Thursday evenings. **Phoenix and Colt** Leagues will play games Monday thru Friday. Players must play in leagues that pertain to their grade.

Players will not be allowed to play "up" in any age group (9th grade Girls have the option of playing in the Fox or Phoenix League). All participants must live within the Salem Hills High School catchment boundary in order to register.

Opening Day will be May 4<sup>th</sup> teams will begin practice a few weeks prior to this date.

#### Tryout dates listed below.

First year players in all leagues should plan to attend team tryouts. Players who are returning to a league will remain on the same team. Those players that desire to tryout as a pitcher or catcher should arrive 30 minutes prior to scheduled tryout time. If the weather is wet we will move tryouts indoors, check on-line at <a href="https://www.salemcity.org">www.salemcity.org</a> for location.

#### **Registration Begins February 6th**

GIRLS' LEAGUES	GRADE	FEE	
	(2022-23 school year)		
Girls PreK T-BALL	PreK	\$35.00 Reg. ends May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
Girls T-BALL	Kindergarten	\$35.00 Reg. ends May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
COACH PITCH	$1^{st} - 2^{nd}$ Grade	\$35.00 Reg. ends May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
FALCON LEAGUE	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$60.00 Reg. ends April 6 <sup>th</sup>	
FILLY LEAGUE	5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$60.00 Reg. ends April 6 <sup>th</sup>	
FOX LEAGUE	7 <sup>TH</sup> , 8 <sup>TH</sup> & 9 <sup>TH</sup> Grade	\$70.00 Reg. ends April 6 <sup>th</sup>	
PHOENIX LEAGUE	10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$75.00 Reg. ends May25 <sup>th</sup>	

BOYS' LEAGUES	GRADE (2022-23 school year)	FEE
Boys PreK T-BALL	PreK	\$35.00 Reg. ends May 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Boys T-BALL	Kindergarten	\$35.00 Reg. ends May 2 <sup>nd</sup>
COACH PITCH	1 <sup>ST</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	\$35.00 Reg. ends May 2 <sup>nd</sup>
MUSTANG	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$70.00 Reg. ends April 6 <sup>th</sup>
PINTO	5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$70.00 Reg. ends April 6 <sup>th</sup>
PONY	7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$80.00 Reg. ends April 6 <sup>th</sup>
COLT	9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$85.00 Reg. ends May 25 <sup>th</sup>

After Registration Ends, registrants will only be accepted on a space **availability** basis, and a **\$5.00 late fee** will be assessed. **\$10 Non-Resident Fee Applies.** 

**Baseball Softball Tryout and Draft Information 2023** 

<u>League</u>	Tryout Information	Draft- Coaches Only
Falcon 3rd & 4th Girls	April 10th 6:30-7:30	April 17th 7:00pm
Filly 5th & 6th Girls	April 10th 7:30-8:30	April 17th 8:00pm
Fox 7th-9th Girls	April 11th 8:00-9:00	April 20th 8:30pm
Phoenix 10th-12th Girls	No try out for this league, 9th grade girls may choose to play in this league. H.S. softball player's welcome.	Teams will be organized by 3rd week of May. After SHHS Softball Season is over.
Mustang 3rd & 4th Boys	April 11th 6:00-7:00	April 18th 6:00pm
Pinto 5th & 6th Boys	April 12th 6:00-7:30	April 18th 7:30pm
Pony 7th & 8th Boys	April 12th Workout: 8:00pm	April 18th 8:30pm
Colt 9th - 12th Boys	No try out for this league	Teams will be organized by 3rd week of May. After SHHS Baseball Season is over.

<sup>\*</sup>T-Ball & Coach Pitch Teams will be organized the beginning of May.

# Opening Day at the Ball Park will be May 4th.

Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, Loafer View Recreation Complex, Field 3. Teams need to line up on the football field between 5:00 and 5:15. The ceremony will begin at 5:30. Ceremony will include team parade, National Anthem and an honored guest to throw the first pitch. The evening will also include Opening Day Specials at the Snack Shack and prizes given to the player who scores the first run of every game.



#### T-BALL for Pre-K & KINDERGARTEN

#### Registration March 2<sup>nd</sup>- May 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### **Two Leagues!** PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN

**PRE-K T-BALL** - Participants **MUST** be entering kindergarten during the **2023/2024** school year in order to register. 8 games will be played in this league. Games will be played on **Tuesday & Thursday evenings beginning May 23**<sup>rd</sup>.

**KINDERGARTEN T-BALL** – Participants <u>MUST</u> be registered for kindergarten during the **2022/2023** school year. 8 games will be played in this league. Games will be played on **Wednesday & Friday evenings beginning May 19**th.

T-BALL FEE \$35.00. \$10.00 non-resident fee does apply.

\*\*\*You must register with the league appropriate to the grade your child was attending during the 2022/2023 school year. This is non-negotiable, no matter who you are! If your child is found to be registered in the wrong league, he/she will be removed from their team without a refund. Matt says, "Don't be a liar."

#### **Coach Pitch Baseball 2023**

Coach Pitch Baseball - Registration March 2<sup>nd</sup> - May 2nd

Participants MUST be in 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> grade during the 2022/2023 school year in order to register. This league will be gender specific.

Coaches will pitch to players. Games will be played on

Wednesday & Friday evenings, beginning May 19th,

FEE: \$35 includes shirt and hat/\$10 non-resident fee applies

## **Girls Grass Volleyball - 2023**

May 31st, June 2nd, 7th & 9th (Wednesday's/Friday's)
This will be an 8-match season, 2 games per night played at
Vets Park. Leagues will be divided as follows:
3rd/4thGrade 5th/6th Grade 7th-9th Grade. Cost will be \$40.00
(\$10 non-resident/\$5 limited/late fee will apply)

Registration March 16th - May 16th.

\*\*Because this program begins after school ends, participants should register for the grade they are entering Fall 2023.



## 9th Grade Cheer Tryout's

Registration: February 27<sup>th</sup> – May 27<sup>th</sup>
Girls will cheer for the fall 2023 9<sup>th</sup> grade football team.

Practices will begin the first part of June, and conclude the end of the tackle football season.

Cheerleading Clinic will be held: April 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm-6:30pm Cheer Tryout April 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm There is a \$10.00 fee to tryout.

Please pay your tryout fee at the Recreation Office <u>Prior</u> to tryouts.

For Girls Entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade 2023
Additional fees required for those who make the squad and a
Mandatory Parent Meeting.

## 3<sup>rd</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> Cheerleading Registration March 25<sup>th</sup> – May 25<sup>th</sup>

The Cheer squads will be organized by grade and assigned to a Salem youth football team. Practice will start the first part of June and conclude the end of the tackle football season which is approximately the end of October. The program will include weekly practice, and one to two city football games per week (once the season starts). Games may be scheduled for weekdays and or Saturdays. The program will also include instruction of cheers, jumps and routines. Cheerleaders will be cheering for their own grade level football teams. Cost will be approximately \$225.00 which will include the participation fee, cheer camp, and uniform. Girls will also be required to have all white cheer shoes, and a navy sports bra (which may be purchased through the Rec. Office). Additional cheer items will also be available to purchase. Parents must attend a mandatory parent meetings - dates and times to be announced. Cheer registration ends on May 25th. Please check with the Recreation Office for uniform fitting times. After this date you will NO longer be able to register for Cheer.

### **SALEM TENNIS**

# Registration Begins: *March 20<sup>th</sup>* for Session I & Session II Registration Begins: *June 16<sup>th</sup>* for Fall Tennis.

This program is to introduce and teach the skills of tennis to youth, Kindergarten -  $8^{th}$  grade. Skill development will be the main focus while rules and game format are taught. Three age-based classes will be offered;  $K - 3^{rd}$  grade,  $4^{th} - 6^{th}$  and teen tennis  $6^{th} - 8^{th}$  grade. Athletes will be required to provide their own racquet.

#### Participants will receive a T-shirt and Ten classes.

Registration fee is:  $$50.00 \text{ (K-6}^{\text{th}})$ $60.00 \text{ (6}^{\text{th}}-8^{\text{th}})$, space is limited. A $10.00 non-resident fee will be charged for this program.$ 

6<sup>th</sup> graders get to choose to go beginner with the younger kids or teen with the older kids, depending on their experience level. If you are not sure where to sign-up please call the Recreation Office and we will do our best to advise you.

K to  $3^{rd}$  grade = 9:00 to 10:00 am  $4^{th}$  to  $6^{th}$ grade = 10:00 to 11:00 am Teen  $6^{th}$  - $8^{th}$  grade = 7:30 to 9:00 am



Session 1 – June 5<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> (weekdays) Session 2–June 19<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> (weekdays) Fall Session – Aug. 19th – Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> (Fall Session times will be after school, check web for details)

**Tennis Court Lights:** You may now play tennis into the late hours of the spring and summer. The light system works well, making it so that Salem residents can enjoy evening tennis. Lights will be available for users from April  $f^t$  to mid October. The system is set on a timer to allow the Recreation department to control when lights will be available. The usage window has been set for dusk to 10:30 p.m. Users may go to the courts in this window and push the court lights button to turn their desired courts lights on. Once the button has been pushed (located at the west entrance) the lights will work for I hour. After 55 minutes of usage a strobe light will begin to flash. The court user will then have 5 minutes to either hit the button again or the lights will go out. If the button is hit again the lights will run for another hour. So, get out and play, we suggest you make it a family activity.

## Registration for all Summer Camps will begin March 20, 2023

Non-resident fees are not charged for camps!

\*\*Because Summer Camps begin after school ends, participants should register for the grade they are entering Fall 2023.



Kids Craft Camp – May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup> Registration Begins March 20th

Two sessions: 1<sup>st</sup> - 9:00-10:30am 2<sup>nd</sup> - 10:45am-12:15pm
For youth ages 6 years and older. This camp is a great opportunity to get your youth off the couch during the summer and have them learn something fun and new. Each day they will work on a new project: Porcelain figurines, wood, painting, and general hand crafts. Classes will be held at Veteran's Memorial Park.

All crafts and supplies will be included in the registration fee of \$35. \$5 late fee after May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Space is limited - sign up early.

Reminder: No Non-Resident Fee for Camps!

#### Ultimate Frisbee Camp — May 30<sup>th</sup> — June 1st

Registration Begins March 20th

For Boys and Girls 10-14 years old. This 3-day camp will be instructed by Jefferson Chase. He is excited to share his passion for Ultimate Frisbee with the youth in our community! If you have never played Ultimate Frisbee you should give it a try, the game is so much more fun than you think it's going to be, as well as entertaining to watch. This camp will be held at the Loafer View Recreation Complex on the soccer/football field from 9:00-10:00 am. Registration fee is \$35 (shirt included).

There is no non-resident fee on camps.



#### **Boys Baseball Camp – June 6th– June 8th**

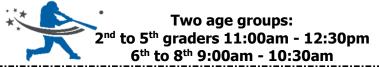
Registration Begins March 20th

For Boys 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. This 3-day camp will be instructed by Coach Scott Haney and his staff. The focus will be on pitching, hitting and fielding.

Camp will be held at the following locations:

Day 1: Veterans Park (60 N. 100 E.) Days 2 & 3 Location TBA Registration fee: \$35 (shirt included).

Those who register after May 30<sup>th</sup> will not be guaranteed a shirt.



#### Girls Softball Camp - June 6<sup>th</sup> - June 8<sup>th</sup>

For Girls 3rd-9th Grade.

Registration Begins March 20th

This 3-day camp will be instructed by SHHS head softball coach, Kaleb Stokes and staff. The focus will be on pitching, hitting and fielding. This camp will be held at Loafer View Recreation Complex. Registration fee is \$35 (shirt included).

Those who register after May 30th will not be guaranteed a shirt.

Camp will be held from 9:00a.m. to 11:00a.m.

# Volleyball Summer Camp Registration Begins March 20th

For Boys & Girls Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Participants need to register for the grade they will be in during the 2023/2024 school year.

> Camp will be held at the Salem Hills High School. Register by May 25<sup>th</sup> to be guaranteed a T-shirt.

June 6th & 7th

Kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – 10:30am – Noon - Fee: \$35.00 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade – 8:30am – 10:30am - Fee: \$40.00

June 8th & 9th

7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade COED – 8:30am – 10:30am - Fee: \$45.00

All Groups will be COED.

#### SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP

#### Registration Begins March 20th

For Boys & Girls 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Put on by SHHS Coaching Staff

It will help players progress in their development and skills as well as be a lot of fun!

Camp will be held at Salem Hills High School, main gym.

Camp: June 19th - 21st

Noon-3:00pm

\$35.00 (includes a t-shirt)

Must be registered by June 9th to be guaranteed a shirt.

## **Landscape Painting Class**

Registration Begins March 20<sup>th</sup>
Join us for our Landscape Painting Class!

This class is for ages 12 and older, younger kids may be allowed with instructor approval. Register Early - Space is Limited.

Camp: June 12th, 13th & 14th

Cost: \$95.00

Time: 1:00 pm - 3:30

Instructor: Cari Batty

Place: Activity Center - Upstairs Classroom (No elevator access).

Includes instruction, a set of brushes, an apron, and several mini paintings - to prepare for the final 16x20 landscape painting.

No non-resident fees

## **Paleontology Camp**



June 19th - 23rd

Registration Begins March 20th

Boys & Girls ages 5-14 will make new discoveries about fossils and life in the prehistoric age and beyond!
With hands on activities, and fun science experiments!

Ages: 5-8 – 10:30am – 11:30am Ages: 9-14 – 9:00am – 10:00am

Classes are held at the Salem Activity Center in our upstairs classroom – No elevator access.

**Instructor: Patrick Hogle** 

Cost: \$75.00

Register Early - Space is Limited!



## Girl's Summer Dance Camp June 27th, 28th & 29th

Registration Begins March 20th

Salem Recreation is excited to offer a Dance Camp for Girls PreK-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Instructor: Janey Jacklin

Camp will focus on a different genre of dance each day – Hip Hop, Jazz Combo & Dance Technique.

Participants need to register for the grade they will be attending during the 2023/2024 school year.

Pre-K (Age 4) -9:00 - 9:45am -\$30.00Kindergarten -1<sup>st</sup> Grade -10:00 - 10:45am -\$30.002<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade -11:00 - Noon - \$35.004<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> Grade -12:30 - 1:30pm -\$35.00

\*Fee Includes a dance tank top\*
Register by June 20<sup>th</sup> to be guaranteed at Tank Top
No non-resident fees
Register early! Space is Limited!

## Flag Football Camp Registration Begins March 20th

### **August 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Loafer View Complex**

This 3-day camp is for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders and will teach participants the object of flag football. Passing, catching, flag pulling, offense and defense.

Camp time will be 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Registration fee is \$35 (shirt included). No non-resident fee A shirt will be included for those campers who register by August 1st.



## **Summer Flag Football**



Registration April 8th - June 8th

Games will begin

June 21<sup>st</sup> – July 26<sup>th</sup>
& will be played on,

Wednesday evenings.

Cost: \$50.00

(\$10 non-resident fee applies)

League will be divided by 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> graders, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> graders, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> graders For summer flag football, please register for the grade the participant will be in during the 2023/2024 school year.

This is a program for those participants who are passionate about football, and would like to build skills and find competitive play. Players will rotate teams each week and work on skill development, while playing flag football games. All teams will be coached by Recreation Staff and Volunteer Coaches. \*This league will be different than the traditional Fall Flag Football.

# UGSA TOURNAMENTS JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup>, 28<sup>TH</sup> & 29<sup>TH</sup>



UBBA TOURNAMENTS

JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 11<sup>TH</sup>, 12<sup>TH</sup>, 13<sup>TH</sup> & 14<sup>TH</sup>



# Women's Grass Volleyball

Registration April 1st - June 1st.

Join us for Women's Grass Volleyball!

Wednesday Evenings: June 14th, 21st, 28th & July 5th & 12th

\*All games will be double headers\*
Fee: \$210/Team - no non-resident fees

Must be 18 years & older may include 2 high school age players per team. Maximum of 10 players per roster.

# Adult Fall Softball

Registration May 26th - July 26th

Coed Softball - Fall Adult teams comprised of men and women will step to the plate Wednesday evenings at Loafer View Park. Teams will play a 12-game schedule over 7 weeks. Some evenings will include double header action. Space is available for 16 teams, which will be split into three divisions based on skill level and desired competition level. Rosters will allow 16 players per team. All players must be listed on the team roster in-order to play in games. League play will begin Wednesday, August 16th. A post season tournament will complete the season. Registration fee is \$400 per team (No out of town fees). After the organizational meeting on July 27th limited/late registration may be available for a \$25 late fee.

Team organizational meeting will be held July 27th at 8:00p.m.

Team organizational meeting will be held July 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00p.m. At the Recreation office. Teams that have a representative present will receive two additional practices games.

# **Tackle Football**

Boys that opt to play both tackle and **FALL Flag** will only pay \$15.00 for their **FALL flag** participation. The theory behind playing both is to allow the boys to get more reps, play different skill positions and interact with boys that are only playing flag in the 3rd - 6th grades.



## Youth Tackle Football 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration begins May 25<sup>th</sup> - July 25<sup>th</sup>



2023 Salem will offer recreation tackle football for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>. These age groups will participate in grade specific teams that compete in the UCFC (Utah County Football Conference).

A three- day conditioning and skill camp will be included in the fee.

All boys that are planning on playing are strongly encouraged to attend the

CAMP – July 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

(no discount if you are unable to attend camp)

The league will include teams from all cities in Utah County. Team practice will begin August 2nd. Games will begin the third week in August. All teams will play 8 scheduled games. Travel will be required for all teams. Saturday will be the main playing date. Some games will be played on Tuesday's and Wednesday's.

Post season will begin mid-October with championship play tentatively planned for the first week of November. Success in the playoffs will add additional games.

#### Registration fee:

3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade = \$185.00 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade = \$200.00 8<sup>th</sup> Grade = \$200.00

Fee Includes: Team Assignment, Coaches, Use of Equipment, & T-Shirt \$10 non-resident fee will apply

After July 25<sup>th</sup> Limited/Late Registration fee \$5.00

\*\*Salem will be accepting coaches starting in January. You must pass a City Background Check. You will also be required to take and pass USA football certification.

All Tackle Football participants must live within the Salem Hills High School catchment boundary in order to Register.

# 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TACKLE FOOTBALL

REGISTRATION BEGINS MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> - JULY 25<sup>TH</sup>



The 9<sup>th</sup> grade team will participate in the Utah County Football Conference (UCFC)

Young Men who desire to play football should contact the Salem Recreation Office for information about conditioning and weight lifting. Team Workout Begins – July 12<sup>th</sup>, Padded Practice Begins – July 31<sup>st</sup> First Game – August 19th

The league will include freshman teams from all cities in Utah County. Games will begin the third week in August. This team is a competitive team that is organized and run like a High School sports program. The team will practice 5 days a week. Travel will be required for all teams. Saturday will be the main playing date. Some games will be played during the week.

Post season will begin mid-October with championship play tentatively planned for the first week of November. Success in the playoffs will add additional games.

# Registration fee: \$250.00

Fee Includes: Team Assignment, Coaches, Use of Equipment, & team shirt \$10 non-resident fee will apply
After July 25th Limited/Late Registration fee \$5.00

\*\*Salem will be accepting coaches starting in January. You must pass a City Background Check. You will also be required to take and pass USA football certification.

ALL TACKLE FOOTBALL PARTICIPANTS MUST LIVE WITHIN THE SALEM HILLS HIGH SCHOOL CATCHMENT BOUNDARY IN ORDER TO REGISTER.

### 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Flag Football Registration June 15 - August 15

This league will be for youth going into 1st & 2nd grades. The league will be set up with the goal of teaching football skills and philosophy. Teams will play games twice a week, Wednesday & Friday evenings. Prior to each game a skill workout will take place for 10 minutes. Workouts will be focused on catching, throwing and flag pulling. Volunteer Coaches are needed. League play will begin August 30th. Registration fee is \$40. Limited/Late registration may be available after August 15th a \$5 fee will apply.

\$10 non-resident fee.

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade soccer will not conflict with this program.

Youth Flag Football 3rd-6th Grade - Registration June 15 - August 15 Games played Tuesday & Thursday evenings at Loafer View Complex for boys and girls that desire to play. Leagues are offered for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders and an older league for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Registration fee is \$50 (shirt included). Limited/Late registration may be available after August 15th a \$5 fee will apply. \$10 non-resident fee applies. Flag football will kick off on August 31st.

#### Salem Fall Youth Soccer – Registration June 15 – August 15

Youth Soccer is for boys and girls Pre-K - 9th Grade.

Each league will play 9 scheduled games.

The season will begin September 7th & 8th and finish mid-October.

**Registration fee is:** Pre-K = \$35 K-  $2^{nd}$  = \$35  $3^{rd}$  to  $6^{th}$  = \$40  $7^{th}$ - $9^{th}$  = \$65 (7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade Fee includes a jersey and socks.)

\$5 Limited/Late fee after August 15th. \$10 non-resident fee applies.

#### League nights:

Pre-K 4 & 5 years old (NOT IN Kindergarten)	Wednesday & Friday evenings
Kindergarten, 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> grades	Tuesday & Thursday evenings
3 <sup>rd</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> grades	Wednesday & Fridays evenings
7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> grades	Tuesday & Thursday evenings

All Pre-K -6<sup>th</sup> grade players will need a Salem Rec reversible game jersey. Jerseys may be re-used year to year. Jerseys are sold for \$12.00 at the recreation office. \*\*It is your RESPONSIBILITY to pick up your own jersey at the Recreation Office\*\*

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Youth Dance	Friday Aug. 4 <sup>th</sup>
Little Miss Salem Pageant	Saturday Aug. 5 <sup>th</sup> SHHS Auditorium
Mud Volleyball Tournament	Saturday Aug. 5 <sup>th</sup> Arena Mud Volleyball Pits
Dutch Oven Cook Off	Saturday Aug. 5 <sup>th</sup> Civic Center
PickleBall Tournament	Saturday Aug. 5 <sup>th</sup>
Family Fireside	Sunday Aug. 6 <sup>th</sup> SHHS Auditorium
Monday Night Concert Series	Monday Aug. 7 <sup>th</sup> Knoll Park – Outdoor Stage
Baby Contest	Monday Aug. 7 <sup>th</sup> Civic Center
Kickball Tournament	Tuesday Aug. 8 <sup>th</sup> Loafer View Complex
Cardboard Duct Tape Boat Regatta	Tuesday Aug. 8 <sup>th</sup> Salem Pond
Tractor Pull	Tuesday Aug. 8 <sup>th</sup> Arena
Movie in the Park	Wednesday Aug. 9th Loafer View Complex
Senior Dinner	Wednesday Aug. 9th Civic Center
Corn Hole Tournament	Thursday Aug. 10 <sup>th</sup>
Lil' Buckaroo Rodeo	Thursday Aug. 10 <sup>th</sup> Arena
Golf Tournament	Friday Aug. 11 <sup>th</sup>
Children's Parade	Friday Aug. 11 <sup>th</sup> Begins at Salem Elementary
Disc Golf Tournament	Friday Aug. 11th
Concert in the Park	Friday Aug. 11 <sup>th</sup> Salem Veterans Ballpark
Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament	Friday Aug. 11 <sup>th</sup> Salem Veterans Ballpark
Fun Run	Saturday Aug. 12 <sup>th</sup>
Breakfast	Saturday Aug. 12 <sup>th</sup> Salem Pond
Grand Parade	Saturday Aug. 12 <sup>th</sup>
Car Show	Saturday Aug. 12 <sup>th</sup> Veterans Memorial Park
Fair in the Square	Saturday Aug. 12 <sup>th</sup> Veterans Memorial Park
Quilt Show	Saturday Aug. 12 <sup>th</sup> Church near City Building
Photo Contest	Saturday Aug. 12 <sup>th</sup> Fair in the Square
	Saturday Aug. 12 <sup>th</sup> Civic Center Lawn
Library Auction	
Library Auction Pageant	Saturday Aug. 12 <sup>th</sup>



# Salem Youth Ballroom Dance

Registration July 1<sup>st</sup> - September 1<sup>st</sup>

Salem City is excited to offer Ballroom Dance for youth 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade. This program will run from September – May and is instructed by Angie Lowe.

Practices will be held one to two days a week either before or after school. Costume Rental fee is included in the registration. 4<sup>th</sup> grade and older will have both performances and matches. 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will not participate in team matches but will have performances.

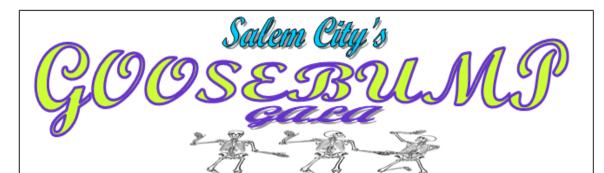
In order to keep the boy/girl ratio balanced, interested parties must receive written approval prior to registering for the program.

Register Early - Space is limited.

Please watch the website at <a href="https://www.salemcity.org">www.salemcity.org</a> for more detailed information.

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Fee: \$100/per school year

4th-9th Grade Fee: \$175.00/per school year



# Saturday, October 28th

- 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Veterans Memorial Park ~ 60 N. 100 E.

FREE FAMILY EVENT



# Salem Youth Volleyball

# Pre-Season Volleyball Camp (3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grades)

Registration August 10th - October 12th

**Saturday, October 14, 2023** - 10:00am - 2:00pm

FEE \$35.00 (no non-resident fee)

- Lunch included with fee (Pizza & Drink)

Online registration is available at www.salemcity.org



Salem Recreation will again offer a girls Volleyball league in Fall 2023. This program has been a great success for the last nine years. Space is Limited! You need to sign up early...NOT LATE!:)

The leagues will be divided as: 3rd/4th Graders, 5th/6th Graders & 7th-9th Graders.

Practices and games will begin the week of October 23rd. Parent coaches will be needed for this league.

Registration fee \$40.00. Limited/Late registration may be available and will include a \$5.00 late fee. Non-resident fee of \$10.00 applies.



# <u>Little Flippers – Gymnastics – 2023</u>

Lil' Flippers is for boys and girls ages 3-6 years who love to swing, jump, balance and roll! Kids play and learn on mats & equipment just their size! Classes will be held on Wednesdays at the Salem Activity Center. 6-50 minutes classes for a cost of \$50. \$10 non-resident fee applies. Register early, space is limited! **Please check our website for upcoming dates.** 



# Bizzy Buddies

Kids burnin' energy, that's what Bizzy Buddies is all about. This class is for kids 3-5 years old. Bizzy Buddies will help your child in developing listening skills, the ability to follow instructions and interact with other children through fun obstacle courses and interactive play. We are excited to offer this fun program for younger kids. Sessions will last six weeks for a cost of \$25.00. A \$10.00 non-resident fee does apply. Space is limited. Please Cheek our website for upcoming dates.



# Classes For Adults!

Bring your spouse or significant other for an entertaining series of ballroom dance classes. Whether you are an experienced ballroom dancer or just wanting to try something new, this class will have something for everyone!

Classes will be offered both in the <u>Fall and Winter</u>.
Instructed by Angie Lowe
Classes will be held one evening a week for 4-weeks.

Register Early - Space is Limited!
Please watch our website for detailed information on dates, times, and cost. www.salemcity.org

Gift Cards are available.



#### 2023-24 Men's Winter Basketball

Registration August 16 - October 16

#### **League Information:**

Salem City will offer a men's basketball league this fall/winter season. Most games will be **played at the Salem Jr. High**. Some games will be played at SHHS

Main & Aux Gym, and Valley View Middle School. The league will be divided into three division of play, with the majority of games being played Wednesday evenings with a few games being played on Tuesday evenings. An **open league** will also be offered on Tuesday evenings. 8 spots will be available in each league. Teams should sign up in the league that is appropriate to their team's ability. All players must be out of High School and at least 18 years of age.

#### Fees per team:

Cost will be \$600 per team if paid by October 16th.

After October 16th \$625

Organizational meeting Oct  $17^{th}-8:00pm$  @ the Recreation Office. If you attend the organizational meeting you will receive two additional practice games.

Teams will play 11 league games.

Two nights of practice games (if you have a representative at the meeting).

A post season tournament, the 3rd week of February.

#### Games

Practice games will be on October 24th & November 1st.

Only players listed on the official team roster may play in games.

Teams will provide their own matching jerseys or t-shirts.

No shirt "No Playing" service!

League Play will begin Wednesday, November 8th

\*Teams that are concerned about their division placement, need to attend the organizational meeting. Those who do not attend will be assigned to a division by Rec. staff.\*

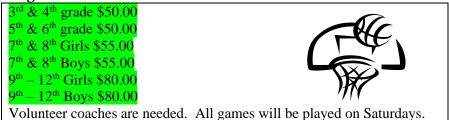
## Little Hoopsters - 1st & 2nd Grade Basketball

Registration August 30th – until full

Little Hoopsters Fall Session will be available for boys and girls who are in 1st and 2nd grade. This is a clinic style introductory program using fun activities to teach proper mechanics and skills. The program helps young players progress in there basketball development. This 5-week program will begin November 2nd. Sessions will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 1 hour. There will be a session at 6:00pm & 7:00pm. Space is limited to 32 spots - register early! Cost will be \$35.00 (includes T-shirt) \$10 Non-Resident Fee Applies.

Youth Basketball Registration September 22<sup>nd</sup> - November 22<sup>nd</sup> Leagues are divided by gender & grade. Coaches drafts will be held the first week of December. Teams will practice one night per week. Games will be played on Saturdays, starting January 6<sup>th</sup>. High school boys and girls will have occasional weekday games. Register at salemcity.org or at the Salem Activity Center. After November 22<sup>nd</sup> registrants will only be accepted on a space availability basis, & a \$5.00 late fee will be assessed. \$10 Non-Resident Fee Applies.

#### Leagues and fees:



# **Salem Youth Basketball Camp**

Registration September 30th – November 30th

Camp will be held **Saturday**, **December 2nd**, at Salem Junior High School.

#### **Camp Schedule:**

Camp begins at 10:00 and will run until 11:30. Lunch will be served 11:30 to 12:00 (pizza & a drink). Camp resumes @ 12:00 - 1:00.

Register online or at the Salem Recreation Office.

Registration fee is \$30.00 which includes lunch. There is NO non-resident fee with this camp. <u>Campers should wear basketball shoes</u>, shorts and a t-shirt.

# **Hunter Safety - 2023**

November Hunters Safety Course. Class Dates To Be Announced. Classes will be from 6-8p.m. and held at the Salem Activity Center, in our upstairs classroom. No elevator access is available. Space is limited to the first 35 registrants. Sign up early. Registration Fee: \$15.00

Participants <u>must</u> attend every class to complete the course. Instructor: Duane Hill

\*Participants will be required to purchase a Hunter Safety Voucher/License prior to the first class. Licenses can be purchased at any location that sells hunting licenses.

# Boys Volleyball 3rd- 9th Grade

Registration September 22<sup>nd</sup> – November 22<sup>nd</sup>

Join us for Boys Volleyball!

Practices will be held one night per week. Matches will be held on Saturday's late afternoon to evening and will <u>NOT</u> conflict with Youth Basketball, allowing boys to participate in both programs if they choose.

The leagues will be divided as: 3rd/4th Graders, 5th/6th Graders & 7th-9th Graders.

Practices and games will begin the first week of 2024 Parent coaches will be needed for this league.

Registration fee \$40.00. Limited/Late registration may be available and will include a \$5.00 late fee. Non-resident fee of \$10.00 does apply.

#### **Pond Town Christmas Lighting Ceremony**

Friday, November 24th. Start your Holidays off with this beautiful Salem tradition. The ceremony will begin at 5:45 p.m. Dress warm and come prepared to participate in welcoming Santa and Ewing and Awing as Salem's Pond Town Christmas begins, very fun for the whole family. Meet between the entrance to Knoll Park and the Salem Days stage.



# POND TOWN CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

# DECEMBER 1st & DECEMBER 2nd @ THE ACTIVITY CENTER

\*\*If you are interested in becoming a vendor please contact the Recreation Office\*\*

(801) 423-1035 (60 N. 100 E.)



#### **Winter Snowman Softball Tournament**

#### Registration October 26 - December 26

What is your family doing over Christmas break? Form a softball team and come play in our Annual Salem Snowman Softball Tournament. Yes, that is right, softball in the snow. Salem Parks and Recreation. will sponsor the last tournament of the year. Cost is \$175 per team. Teams are guaranteed 3 games and plenty of hot chocolate & doughnuts. Teams may be made up of men, women or mixed. This event is about fun!

Teams must be **registered by Tuesday, December 26**<sup>th</sup>. Wood bats are used. Salem City will supply 1 bat per field. Games will be played **Saturday, December 30**<sup>th</sup> at Salem Loafer View Park. Come join the fun. Register your team now at Salem Recreation office or online.



## Chess Camp - December 27th, 28th, 29th!

Registration October 26th - December 26th

Looking for something to do over Christmas break? Why not learn to play a game that is more than a controller and TV screen.

Salem will host a 3-day chess camp.

This event is open to youth 8-12, that are ready to learn the game. As well as youth that already know how to play and are looking for an opponent.

Theory and rules will be covered each day. Once players learn the simple introduction of the game, matches and game challenges will be worked into the program.



December 27th-29th
Salem Activity Center - 10:00am to 11:30am each day.
Pre- Registration: \$10.00 - Day of: \$15.00
Register October 26<sup>th</sup> - December 26<sup>th</sup>
Space is limited.



# 2024

#### \*\*Registration for Winter 2024 Programs begins in November/December of 2023\*\*

**Little Hoopsters Basketball** Registration November  $2^{nd}$  – Until Full A fun introductory basketball program for  $1^{st}$  &  $2^{nd}$  grade boys and girls. This program is a clinic style program using fun activities to teach proper mechanics and skills. This program helps young players progress in their basketball development.

Hoopsters is a 5-week program, beginning **January 4th**. Sessions will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6:00 to 7:00p.m. or 7:00 to 8:00p.m., you choose. Space is limited to 32 spots per session.

**Registration Ends:** January 4, 2023 or until full at the Recreation Office.

Registration Fee-----\$35.00 T-shirt is included in registration fee.

\$10 non-resident fee applies

#### Indoor Soccer - 2024 - Registration October 7th - December 7th

We are kicking off Indoor Soccer this year!

Kids will be divided into 3 leagues.

Pre-K, Kindergarten, & 1st & 2nd Grade.

Games for Indoor Soccer will be played on Saturday's for 6 weeks,

and will begin in January 2024!

All games will be held in our Activity Center, Located at Veteran's Ball Park (60 N. 100 E.) Registration will end on **December 7th.** 

Join us for some indoor soccer fun!

# **Hunter Safety - 2024**

#### **January Hunters Safety Course. Class Dates To Be**

Announced. Classes will be from 6-8p.m. and held at the Salem Activity Center. Classes are held in our upstairs classroom. No elevator access is available. Space is limited to the first 35 registrants. Sign up early. Registration Fee: \$15.00

Participants <u>must</u> attend every class to complete the course.

**Instructor: Duane Hill** 

\*Participants will be required to purchase a Hunter Safety Voucher/License prior to the first class. Licenses can be purchased at any location that sells hunting licenses.

# **On-Line Registration**

We have added online registration for your convenience. You may now sign up in the comfort of your own home. Most of our programs will be available for online registration. Simply go to <a href="www.salemcity.org">www.salemcity.org</a> Click on the Parks & Recreation link, click the "REGISTER ONLINE" icon, and begin registering. Even though we are now offering online registration we would love to see you in person, so feel free to come by the office to sign up.

#### The Activity Center is Available to RENT!

Full Day Rental (Saturday & Sunday) 7am-11pm Rentals Require \$500 Deposit \$250 Residents \$400 Non-Residents

Evening Rental (Monday-Friday) 5pm-10pm
Rental Require \$500 Deposit
\$150 Residents Only
Call or Stop by The Activity Center for more information.

# Salem Adopt a Tree Program

Salem Parks & Recreation will sponsor our annual family adopt a tree day. This program is set up to allow families or donors to purchase a tree -15 to 20 feet tall - that will be planted at one of the ball parks located here in Salem. Cost per tree is \$250 and will include a marker that will be placed at the base of the tree to commemorate or memorialize the tree donor. This program is a great opportunity to beautify our parks while starting a family tradition! Trees will be planted the first week of November, with holes being prepared by Salem City Parks crews. Trees will be purchased by the City Parks Department and delivered to designated locations. Families will have the option to plant their tree or have the City Parks Crew do it for them. For more information or to order your family tree, call Matt Marziale at Salem Parks & Recreation, 423-2035.



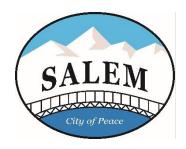
\*We are always looking to add trees to our parks. If you desire to donate at a time outside the Adopt a Tree Program, please contact the Recreation Office 801-423-1035.

# Salem Riding Arena

Groups or clubs interested in using the Salem Riding Arena should contact the Salem Recreation Office or <a href="www.salemcity.org">www.salemcity.org</a> (click on the Parks & Recreation link, scroll to the bottom of the page, click on rental information, and click on Rodeo Arena Rental Info) for user information as well as rental rates. Riding clubs, roping clubs and renters must have a group insurance policy prior to rental of the facility.

A free riding time will be available to Salem Residents Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. During this time block rider's may ride and work out their horses. No roping or poles will be allowed during the riding block.





# Salem Recreation Request Policy

Due to the growth of Salem City and our surrounding areas, we are no longer able to take individual's requests for team sports.

For many programs volunteer coaches will continue to submit 2 requests. Their requests will be our priority! In leagues where a draft is held coaches will be guaranteed their child, and if they have one, their assistant coach's child.

We strive in the Recreation Department to make your child's experience a positive one for both the body and the mind.

We recognize Recreation Sports are a great avenue for children to make new friends, therefore being on a team where your child does not have a "buddy" allows him or her to do just that!

We also understand sometimes there are extenuating circumstances, and in those cases, we will do our best to accommodate, but we cannot make any guarantees.

Salem Recreation will guarantee siblings will be placed together in our programs where it applies. To insure this the parent needs to be aware of two things: 1. It is the parent's responsibility to notify the recreation office in writing when your family is in need of such an accommodation. 2. No guarantees will be made after the registration period ends.

Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

# **Can I Trade Teams?**

## This simple answer is no, you may not.

#### Teams are created one of two ways:

- 1. If the Salem Recreation Program Coordinator creates the teams it is done so in a strategic manner following strict guidelines. First, the Volunteer Coaches are allowed to make requests, then the recreation staff checks for siblings. From there the staff balances genders, grades and tries to keep kids playing with other kids from their neighborhood or school. These measures are taken by the staff, so that the best effort possible is made in keeping the teams fair. Because of the work that goes into building teams, no trades are allowed once the rosters have been sent to the coaches. Sorry, we cannot be bribed, even with cookies and specialty sodas.
- 2. In leagues where a draft is held the recreation staff is there to insure that the draft rules are followed, allowing every coach an equally fair chance to build a team. In a draft, the coaches have all the say in their teams, as long as the draft rules are followed. Once the coaches leave the draft meeting, the teams are set.

Coaches are the only people who have a say in the building of teams. If you want your child with a certain friend, we welcome you to volunteer as a coach.

We strive in the Recreation Department to make your child's experience a positive one for both the body and the mind. We recognize Recreation Sports are a great avenue for children to make new friends, therefore being on a team where your child does not have a "buddy" allows him or her to do just that! We also understand sometimes there are extenuating circumstances, and in those cases, we will do our best to accommodate, but we cannot make any guarantees. Salem Recreation will guarantee siblings will be placed together in our programs where it applies. To insure this the parent needs to be aware of two things: 1. It is the parent's responsibility to notify the recreation office in writing when your family is in need of such an accommodation. 2. No guarantees will be made after the early registration period ends.

Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

# **Salem Recreation Coach Selection Policy**

Salem Recreation will select coaches from a pool of individuals who are willing to volunteer their time.

You must notify Salem Recreation that you are willing to volunteer either by phone, email (salemrecreation@salemcity.org), in person, or by checking the "Willing to Coach" box when you register online.

Volunteer coaches will be selected on a case by case basis. If you are selected as a coach, you will be notified by email that you have been selected

All coaches are required to pass a criminal back ground check (this is required every 3 years). Salem Recreation will give priority to volunteers who have meet the following criteria:

- 1. Coaches who have coached in our programs before.
- 2. Coaches who have provided the most positive experience for the kids, and have had the least amount of problems with opposing teams or officials.
- 3. Coaches that have captured the vision and mission of Salem Recreation Programs.

Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

#### Salem Recreation Refund/Cancellation Policy

In the event that Salem Recreation cancels any league, class, or camp, a **full refund** will be issued.

In the event that a refund is requested by a patron all transactions will be assessed a \$5 processing fee per registration, as long as it does not fall in the "No refunds category" please see below.

#### No refunds will be issued if the following situations apply:

1. If the program has limited space no refunds will be issued.

Why? Because you have taken a spot that someone else could have utilized. If the refund is requested before the program begins, and the Recreation Office is able to fill that spot, with someone on **our waiting list**, we **may** refund the amount paid less the \$5 processing fee, this is a case by case situation.

2. Once the program begins no refunds will be issued. Salem Recreation defines the beginning of the program as the start date or once the teams in a league are divided. Whether that be by draft or by the program coordinator creating the teams.

Why? Because no matter how the teams are created an honest effort is made to make the teams as fair as possible. Late withdrawals effect the balancing of the program. In addition, a great deal of time goes into balancing programs.

3. Refunds on camps and classes are available with the exception of the \$5 processing fee up to <u>one week</u> to the start date of the camp. Example if camp starts on Monday the refund must be requested by the Monday prior. Why? This, allows us to make final preparations in coordinating the best experience for your child.

#### Ways to Protect Yourself:

- 1. Check your calendar. If you sign up for baseball camp, and fail to realize it is the same time as your family reunion, you now have a problem. If you catch it early you will only lose \$5. If you don't tell us until camp has started or even ended (this happens). You have lost your entire registration fee:(
  - 2. Explain to your child, they are still playing even if they didn't get on the team that they wanted, with the friend that they wanted, or the coach that they wanted, or the jersey that they wanted, Mom & Dad cannot get their money back:(

All joking aside...if you have an extreme circumstance please call the Recreation Office, and let us know about it. We will do our best to help you!

### **Coaches Discount Policy**

Salem Parks & Recreation offers various youth sports programs. Each program is organized and maintained by recreation staff. Coaching for all youth sports is done by volunteer coaches. Coaches are selected from a pool of volunteers, including solicitations of parents. All coaches must pass a background check prior to serving as a volunteer.

Volunteer coaches will receive a money pass at the conclusion of the sport coached. These money passes can be used for future registrations. The amount of the money pass is dictated by the sport each volunteer coaches. The money pass system is by no means an avenue for payment or compensation of the coach's time. It is a simple thank you and acknowledgement of the coach's time and efforts. It is our belief that the majority of coach's volunteer to spend time with their child as well as the youth of our community.

#### Non-Resident Fees

A \$10.00 non-resident fee will be charged for all programs, except camps. Non-residents are individuals that do not live inside Salem City Limits. Non-Residents are also those that do not pay property taxes to Salem City. Our programs are subsidized by city property tax dollars. Thank you for your help and support with our programs.

# **WEATHER UPDATES:**

For rainout and weather updates please look online at <a href="https://www.salemcity.org">www.salemcity.org</a> on the top of the home page. Updates will also be posted on Facebook.

We will update daily (during outdoor programs) after 3:00pm.



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#### **Travel Teams and Accelerated Sports**

There are a lot of different options when it comes to activities for our Salem Youth to be involved in. There are recreation programs offered by the community. There are travel clubs and teams in almost all sports. Finding somewhere to play sports is not a challenge. The reason we play sports and where is the issue I hope to address. Salem Recreation Sports programs are offered to invite our local youth to be active, healthy, involved in activities with their peers and hopefully to teach some values and life skills. The goal has never been to build the next great High School athletics star, and certainly not the next professional athlete. If either of these results come from the programs then it is just another plus. We do strive to offer challenging programs where a young athlete will feel challenged and possible find a deep desire to work to improve their skills. In truth high school success may not be one of our focuses, but it is most certainly our desire. We want to help Salem Hills High School succeed and bring success to their programs and our community. The many different travel teams also set goals to help their participants learn valuable life skills. Many travel teams work to develop skills that will help their players find success in the next level of sports. That would be on High School teams. This is a great adventure that many of our local families have entered. At Salem Recreation our goal is not to hinder these pursuits. We support meaningful, structured and goal-oriented recreation.

While working to support clubs and travel teams, our number one goal is to focus on City offered programs and City facilities. We build, prepare and maintain the City athletic facilities for our programs first. We then find ways to allow non-city programs to rent our facilities to allow their teams to play some games close to home. It is important to remember that City Parks are built and maintained with tax dollars, taxes of our Salem residents. When non-city programs use the facilities for games a rental fee is charged for usage. These fees are charged to help cover the maintenance of the parks.

We often hear parents say that, "their child does not play city rec. sports because it makes their child regress. "When I hear these statements, it makes me ill. City sports do not make anyone a lesser athlete. City programs offer a field of play for all skill levels. What effort is offered by each individual participant is what makes the experience worthwhile or not. We subscribe to the idea that the more reps and playing time an athlete puts in, the better they become. Now to the goal of this article, Salem Recreation wants your child to play with us. We want them to play whether they play on a travel team or not. Why? We want our community youth to grow together. We want them to build relationships with each other. We want them to have experiences together. We want them to have a common ground with multiple members of our community. Not a same group that they spend the majority of their time with. We want every child in this community to feel they have self worth and friends here in Salem. We hope that as the youth grow and find other interest, they do not feel they are alone in life. Once they have stopped the pursuit of a certain sport. We believe that recreational programs introduce various groups of kids to one another. Maybe kids they would not associate with if they had not met on a team or in a game.

Our Recreation programs are priced to not cause a family to sacrifice family needs. We keep them low for families who have tight budgets. We keep them low so that family who are paying hundreds to a club or team can still play in our league at a small cost. It is our goal that we draw as many Salem youth as possible.

We invite all Salem youth to play in our leagues. We want you, need you and plan to offer you a fun memorable experience. If you haven't played with us in the past we invite you to give Salem a try.

Matt Marziale - Salem Parks & Recreation



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