

November 2018

Parks & Recreation Newsletter Information

STAY INFORMED THRU EMAILS

If you would like to receive emails from Parks and Recreation regarding registrations and events, you can sign up by going to www.alabasterparks.org and scrolling down the page to the SIGN UP link. The only required information is your name and email address.

NOTE: We cannot accept Checks as a method of payment. Please be prepared to pay for any fees with Cash, Debit, Visa, Master Card, or Discover.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Parks and Recreation Office along with Veterans Skate Park will be closed on the following dates:

- Monday, Nov. 12, in observance of Veterans Day.
- Thursday & Friday, Nov. 22 & 23, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

- **On-Line Registration:** Available at www.alabasterparks.org will be **ending at 11 pm on Nov. 2.**
- **Walk-in Registration:** Available at the Alabaster Parks & Rec Office located at Veterans Park between 8 am and 5 pm, weekdays only, will be **ending on Nov. 2.**
- **Cost:** FREE.
- **Requirement:** Anyone wishing to participate in the Parade is required to register.
- **Participants:** All participants are strongly encouraged to decorate even if their entry is not a “float”.
- **Theme:** The 2018 theme is “**A Storybook Christmas**”.
- **Event Date:** The Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1, at 10 AM, on Highway 31 South.
- **Decorations:** All participants are strongly encouraged to decorate even if their entry is not a “float”.
- *The City of Alabaster reserves the right to refuse any Person/Organization participation in the 2018 Christmas Parade.*

BASKETBALL

- Youth Basketball practice began in October with 245 participants.

- Games are scheduled to begin after Thanksgiving; break for the Christmas holidays; and then resume play after the first of the year.

SOCCER

- Our Fall Soccer season is about to conclude with 384 participants.
- We would like to say “Thank You” to all the volunteer coaches and team moms for your dedication and time spent working with the players.
- Please watch for future postings on Spring Soccer Registration which will occur in early January.

FOOTBALL, CHEER, and FLAG FOOTBALL

- We had another successful year with 157 Tackle Football players, 152 Cheerleaders, and 123 Flag Football players.
- As we wrap up the 2018 season, we would like to convey our appreciation to the volunteer coaches and team moms who work hard and are dedicated to making a difference in the lives of today’s youth.

FALL BASEBALL

- Fall Baseball had 150 participants who interlocked with Calera, Helena, Montevallo, and Pelham.
- We would like to say “Thank You” to Coach Hamrick and his staff from Thompson High School for conducting this program.
- Please watch for future postings of Spring Baseball registration which will occur in early January.

GIRL’S SOFTBALL

- Girl’s Fall Softball had 63 participants playing in Alabaster as well as the surrounding communities of Calera, Helena, Chelsea, and Pelham.
- “Thank you” to all the coaches and parents who supported our Fall program.
- Please watch for future postings of Girl’s Spring Softball registration which will occur in early January.

PARENTS

From the Alabaster Parks & Recreation staff, we would like to say “Thank You” to all the parents and grandparents who spend a great amount of time in our parks while your children practice and participate in the various sports we offer. We realize it’s sometimes difficult after a busy, stressful day at work to rush home, pick up children, drive to the park, eat dinner from a concession stand, cheer your child on, keep up

with their equipment, and finally arrive home only to make sure your child completes their homework assignments, get them to bed, and prepare to do it all over tomorrow. Being a parent is sometimes not the easiest job in the world; however, it is the most rewarding! Believe it or not, there will come a day when you'll look back at your time in the park as a distant memory; one which you'll miss greatly! Enjoy this special season in your life with your child.

We appreciate you allowing your child to be part of the Alabaster Youth Sports community!

PAVILIONS FOR RENT

- **Outdoor Rental Facilities:**

- **On-Line Pavilion Rentals** – available at www.alabasterparks.org
- Several of our City Parks offer pavilions for events such as picnics, family reunions and birthday parties. The best way to ensure your event happens at the location of your choice is to reserve it early.
- Please do not send out invitations listing one of our parks as the event location before you have secured a pavilion through Parks and Recreation. The pavilion you plan on using may not be available.
- Pavilions are available for use by permit only. There is a **\$40 rental fee (no checks accepted)** which must be paid before your reservation is complete.
Note: Inflatables, charcoal grills, and piñatas are not allowed in any of the City parks. Please see our web site for a complete list of rules.
- All open picnic tables (those not under a covering) are available free of charge on a first come, first served basis.
