

MEREDITH PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

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Mission Statement

The main goal of the Meredith Parks & Recreation Department is to provide recreational and leisure activities for the community at large, and for people of all ages. This is accomplished by working with the schools, commercial establishments, and community volunteers to create organized programs and self-guided recreational opportunities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

* Vacation, Day and Early Release Camps

Upcoming Dates: 1/30/26 and February Vacation (2/23-2/27)

Join us for a fun filled day while there is no school! Visit our website for more information on Vacation Camps at www.meredithnh.gov under Parks and Recreation Department.

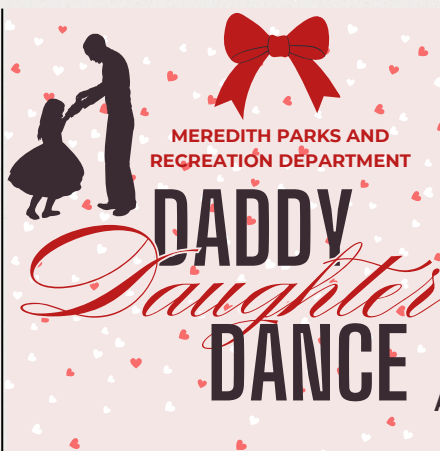
* Drop-In Hours

Looking to burn off some energy playing basketball in the gym or spend some time hanging out in the game room? Visit our website at www.meredithnh.gov for a list of current drop-in hours!

* Daddy Daughter Dance

Saturday, February 21, 2026

Come join us for our annual Daddy Daughter Dance! Pre-registration ends 2/13/26! A minimum of 15 pre-registrants is required to host this event.



Girls- grab your dads, stepfathers, brothers, uncles and grandfathers to come enjoy an evening of fun with the special man in your life!

When: Saturday February 21, 2026

Time: 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Where: Meredith Community Center

Fee: \$30.00 per couple, \$10.00 per additional child

Dinner, Photos, Craft and Dancing with DJ Jason!

Pre-register by February 13, 2026 at 5:00pm.

A minimum of 15 pre-registrants is required to host the event!



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FRIDAY NIGHT CLIMBING WALL

2026

Climbing Wall Fees:

Residents:

\$5.00 - per child
\$10.00 - per adult
\$20.00 - per family

Non-Residents:

\$10.00 - per child
\$15.00 - per adult
\$25.00 - Per Family

FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

• 1/2/26 • 5/1/26 • 9/4/26
• 2/6/26 • 6/5/26 • 10/2/26
• 3/6/26 • 7/3/26 • 11/6/26
• 4/3/26 • 8/7/26 • 12/4/26

Time: 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Who: Everyone!

Where: Meredith Community Center

Adventure Awaits

SCHOOL VACATION CAMPS

2025 - 2026

Registration opens for all camps on 10/1/25



Upcoming Vacation and Full Day Camp Dates:

Vacation Camps:

- Winter Recess: 2/23/26 - 2/27/26
- Spring Recess: 4/27/26 - 5/1/26

Full Day Camps:

- 1/30/26

For pricing and more information on the Vacation, Full Day and Early Release Camps, please visit our website at www.meredithnh.gov or visit the Meredith Community Center.

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DROP-IN HOURS AND POLICIES

Drop-in hours are times open to use the Activity Center (gymnasium) and Game Room at the Community Center. In the Activity Center, patrons can enjoy playing basketball or walking in the gym. Our Game Room has a pool table, a ping pong table, air hockey, video games and more!

This time is intended for the community at large with the following provisions:

- A Drop-In Registration form is required before anyone can participate in drop-in times.
- Students in grades 7-12 can attend without a parent if a Drop-In Registration form is on file.
- Students grade 6 and under can attend with a parent/guardian.

Below is a schedule of Winter 2026 Drop-In Hours. Please note that availability is subject to change pending private bookings.

Game Room:

Monday: 8:00am - 2:30pm & 5:30pm - 8:00pm
Tuesday: 8:00am - 2:30pm & 5:30pm - 8:00pm
Wednesday: 8:00am - 2:30pm & 5:30pm - 8:00pm
Thursday: 8:00am - 2:30pm & 5:30pm - 8:00pm
Friday: 8:00am - 2:30pm & 5:30pm - 8:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am - 1:00pm

Activity Center (Gymnasium):

Monday: 5:30pm - 8:00pm
Tuesday: No availability
Wednesday: 12:30pm - 2:30pm
Thursday: No availability
Friday: 12:30pm - 2:30pm & 5:30pm - 8:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am - 1:00pm (pending reservations)

Availability is subject to change

Drop-In Policies:

1. A Drop-In Registration Form MUST be filled out and given to the front desk or you will be asked to leave.
2. Everyone must sign in and out at the front desk.
3. Play safe, no hands-on activities.
4. Appropriate language only.
5. Be respectful of others' belongings and equipment.
6. Follow instructions given by Community Center Staff

A weekly schedule of drop-in hours or changes in schedule will be posted weekly on our website at www.meredithnh.gov or call the Community Center at 603-279-8197.



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Birthday Party Package

Book your party today and make your next birthday one to remember!

COST: Meredith Resident \$150 Non-Resident: \$200

The Birthday Party Package includes:

- Up to 20 kids (\$5.00 extra per child)
- 2-hour rental of the Activity Center (gymnasium)
- 2-3 eight-foot tables with 20 chairs for seating and 2 six-foot tables for food and gifts
- Use of the equipment in the closet (balls, scooters, etc.)
- Use of freezer/refrigerator if needed
- One Parks and Recreation staff member to facilitate the chosen activity- climbing wall, jumpy house or game room.
- Choice of one of the following activities: (first hour)
 - 1 hour of climbing wall
 - 1 hour of the jumpy house
 - 1 hour in the game room (as well as access to the Activity Center)
 - Game Room includes Play Station, Wii, pool table, foosball, air hockey, ping pong, and more!

***If you would like a combination of activities, it is an additional \$50.00 per extra activity. ***

Birthday Party Package Days and Times

Saturdays and Sundays:

- 11:00am - 1:00pm
- 2:00pm - 4:00pm
- 5:00pm - 7:00pm
- 8:00pm - 10:00pm

Fridays (if available):

- 5:30pm - 7:30pm



MPRD RETIREMENT NEWS

ON THE RETIREMENT OF VINT CHOINIÈRE MEREDITH PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR



After 26 incredible years of serving this community, Vint Choiniere is retiring from his position as Director of the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department. With so many incredible milestones throughout his career, his team at parks and rec and members of the community will remember all the impact he has had here for years to come.

Under Vint's leadership, the department grew from a small office at Town Hall to the current Community Center and expanded multiple hiking trails, fields, parks and much more! We are so grateful to have had his dedication and leadership pushing parks and rec in a direction to continue to grow and serve the community for years to come. Congratulations, Vint, on a remarkable career and thank you for everything you have given our community. Enjoy your retirement!

Party Details and Tips:

- Parents must supervise children during all activities with a ratio of 1 adult to 10 children.
- **Building access:** Birthday parties are held in the Activity Center (gymnasium). All birthday party participants must enter/exit through the back door by the playground. The front doors are locked during parties.
- There is a **half hour before your party starts** that is reserved for you to come decorate, bring goodies in or just relax before the fun begins!
- There will be a staff member present during your entire party so if any questions come up or if you need anything, feel free to ask them!
- During the first hour of your party, the staff member will facilitate the activity or activities that you have chosen, and the second hour will be for free play/cake/presents.
- We have a refrigerator and freezer you can put items in if needed. We also have ice available and a lighter for birthday candles.
- Balloons are allowed, however, if they are let go there is a \$50 fee to remove them as they will set off the alarms.
- **Half an hour is allotted after your party ends** for any clean-up needed such as removing your decorations, packing up gifts, etc. Leave all your trash for us to take care of!
- Most importantly ...HAVE FUN!



Late Cancellation Notice

In the event that you must **cancel your party after 5:00pm on the Friday before your party**, it is **extremely important** that you **contact the Parks and Recreation Department** by email at parksnrec@meredithnh.gov to inform them of the cancellation.

Booking Your Party:

- Complete the attached permit and submit it to the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department with payment for your party. Please note that permits will not be processed until payment is received. Payments can be made with cash or check (checks made payable to the Town of Meredith). Permits and payment can be dropped off at the Meredith Community Center or mailed to: Meredith Parks and Recreation - One Circle Drive Meredith, NH 03253.
- For questions on availability, please contact MPRD by email at parksnrec@meredithnh.gov or by phone at 603-279-8197.
- Once your permit has been submitted to MPRD and the front desk has confirmed that the date and time are available you can begin to plan your party! Once the permit has been processed, you will receive an email confirmation with your signed permit.