

## Recreation District #1/Pelican Park

# Pelican Watch

## NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR



### REFEREES...WHAT CAN WE SAY?

Most of us are still angry and frustrated about the no call for the helmet to helmet hit as well as the obvious pass interference in the NFC Championship game with our beloved Saints.

We need to learn from Drew Brees about being a class act with handling these types of situations. He didn't bad mouth the officials, he didn't threaten the officials, he didn't say the Saints were cheated, etc. These officials are supposedly the best of the best and officiate full time for a living. Officials at the recreational level don't officiate full time and despite trying to do a good job, will miss calls and make mistakes. Parents in youth sports need to copy Drew's handling of difficult situations and not yell, scream, curse or get in the official's face. I realize it's frustrating to see what you believe as your child's team being treated unfairly, but think of Drew before you voice your thoughts or act. Children learn both good and bad from their parents' behavior and words.

Even with the most outrageous injustice as we had at the end of the Saint's game, Drew taught us what it means to be a class act, the importance of family, teachable moments, love of sports and team spirit.

Who Dat!!!

*Ms. Kathy Foley*  
Director

## CONSTRUCTION ON THE GROVE

### "THE GROVE" AT PELICAN PARK

Construction recently began on 8 Pickleball courts, pond, walking trail, open lawn area, picnic area, family fun game area and an outdoor fitness area which will be known as "The Grove at Pelican Park". This \$1.5 million dollar project is repurposing the area previously known as Green 5 field and should be completed by late summer 2019. The project was publicly bid and the low bidder was Cycle Construction.



## PARK HIGHLIGHT

*Spring  
Baseball & Softball  
Registration  
Feb 25<sup>th</sup>-March 12<sup>th</sup>*

## SEEP GRANT

### PELICAN PARK RECEIVED AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT

The Recreation District has received a grant for energy efficiency provided by the Public Service Commission and Cleco thru the Statewide Energy Efficiency Program (SEEP). The District will be working with Brilliant Efficiencies to provide new LED sports lighting for White Gym, Brown Gym, Orange 1, 2 & 3 fields, Grey east and west fields and Green 4 field. New energy efficient fixtures and bulbs for the parking lots and road system within the Park are also part of the project. Finally, the grant will allow for replacement of the freon in the Castine Center, Brown and White gyms HVAC systems with an energy efficient product. The schedule is still under development, but work will begin this late spring around scheduled events. These energy efficiency improvements will help the environment, reduce demand for energy and help reduce the District's electrical bill.

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Recreation District #1 is a free standing governmental agency. The District is supported by a property tax paid by the residents and businesses within the Recreation District. The general boundaries of the Recreation District are Lake Pontchartrain on the south side, the Tchefuncte River on the west side, Big Branch on the east side and Three Rivers Road on the north side. The District, which operates Pelican Park, is under the Direction of a 7 member Administrative Board and staff.

## JOHN NEILL APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

John Neill was recently appointed by the Parish Council to the Recreation District #1 Board of Commissioners. John has been a volunteer coach, advisory board member and parent at the Park for the past 10 years. He and his wife Stacey have two children Madison and Carter. Both of his children have played for years at the Park and his son is still playing at the Park. As a coach, John loves working with the players and in addition to teaching them sports skills he teaches them life skills, how to have fun and the value of being a team member. John's years as a coach and parent will serve him well on the Board as well as his many years of business experience. John truly makes a difference in everything that he does as he truly cares about people.



## 10 YEARS



Congratulations to Dennis Bourgeois for 10 years of service as Pelican Park's Construction Supervisor! Dennis' duties include all aspects of construction and repair at the Park. He is known as "MacGyver" as he can fix almost anything. His dedication, efforts and skills show every day and have saved the Recreation District thousands and thousands of dollars. Dennis is a valued team member! Dennis lives in Bush, LA with Christi Bruiger & his daughter Laci (12). He also has two step-daughters Lacey (20) and Lexy (24). He likes to spend his spare time outside hunting, fishing and rehabilitating wildlife animals.

## MANY THANKS

### WE WANT TO SHARE OUR GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION FOR DANIEL SEIDEN'S DEDICATION ON OUR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS!

Unfortunately, due to work commitments, Daniel Seiden recently resigned from the Recreation District #1 Board of Commissioners. Daniel served on the Board for 5 years and will be greatly missed! Daniel's business knowledge, ability to relate to people and involvement in youth sports as a parent and coach greatly assisted him as a Board member. Thanks for your dedication, time and efforts as a member of the Board of Commissioners!

## FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

### "THE PINES" DISC GOLF COURSE

Thousands of people around the world play disc golf each year. It's a great way to get some exercise and spend some family time together. Our 18-hole disc golf course averages a mile in length, so you'll get a good workout while enjoying your walk among the pines and oak trees. Disc golf is played much like traditional golf, but instead of a ball and clubs, players use a flying disc, or Frisbee® and aim it at a basket instead of a hole. Come out and try a round and if you need a map or disc we can help you out. Discs can be loaned out to our District residents at no cost and we can give you a map and directions to the first tee.



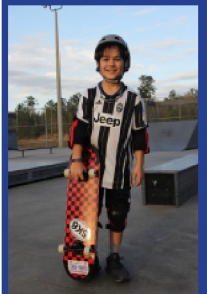
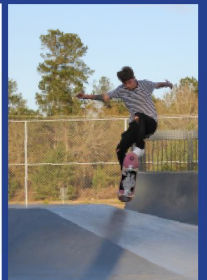
### "PELICAN'S NEST" SKATE PARK

Located at the north end of Pelican Park and is OPEN **7AM - 9PM every day.**

The skate park is recommended for **ALL AGES** with several types of jumps, ramps and riding rails for beginner and intermediate skaters.

Bikes are also permitted at the skate park during the following times:

**Tues & Thur from 7-9 p.m.**  
**Saturdays from 7-9 a.m.**



### OUR TWO DOG PARKS

We have a 4 acre complex in Pelican Park called "The Bark Park" that has 2 sections, a large dog area and small dog area. Our second location is located just north of I-12 on Andrew Drive, near Home Depot in Covington. It is called Pretty Acres Dog Park and is a 1 acre dog park with a human walking trail around the outside. Bring out your dog, your friends and your family for a fun and family friendly time. Visitors are responsible for reading the rules and their pets actions.



# 3rd Annual Twilight Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt

Get your baskets & flashlights ready, because Pelican Park will be hosting its third annual Twilight Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 13th, beginning at 6:30pm! This FREE event is open to ages 12 and younger. In addition to four fabulous age-specific egg hunts, you and your child will enjoy a variety of activities and games that are sure to bring hippity hoppity happiness. Registration for District Residents begins Monday, March 18th. Non-District Residents can register starting Monday, April 1st. Please note that there are only 50 spots per age group. For more information on this egg-cellent event or registration, please visit our website [www.pelicanpark.com](http://www.pelicanpark.com) or call our office at (985) 626-7997.



## VOLUNTEERS WANTED!



If you need service hours for school or would just like to be part of our fun event, please contact: **Erika Lehrmann at (985) 626-7997 or [erikalehrmann@pelicanpark.com](mailto:erikalehrmann@pelicanpark.com)**

### SPECIAL POPS

Pelican Park's Special Populations Program has partnered with Special Olympics Louisiana to bring our community Softball & Developmental Tee Ball. We will offer an 8-week spring softball session beginning Sunday, March 10th, and continuing weekly through Sunday, May 5th. Each session will be held on Sundays from 4:00-5:30 p.m. at the Blue Complex. The program is designed for those with special needs, ages 18 and older, male or female. For more information, check our website or contact Recreation Supervisor, Erika Lehrmann at [erikalehrmann@pelicanpark.com](mailto:erikalehrmann@pelicanpark.com) or 985-626-7997. Come on out to play some softball, learn new skills, make new friends and have a great time!



### PLAN YOUR NEXT EVENT WITH US!

- Conventions
- Mardi Gras Balls
- Dance Recitals
- Cheer Competitions
- Strength Competitions
- Awards Banquets
- Weddings/Receptions
- Family Reunions



### COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR WITH MANDEVILLE SOCCER CLUB

#### SOCCER LEAGUES

The Recreation District #1 and Mandeville Soccer Club have a cooperative endeavor between them to work together to provide this community with one of the best soccer programs in the South. The District provides the fields, painting of the game lines, goals and turf care at no cost to Mandeville Soccer Club. MSC handles all aspects of the administration of the soccer programs which includes registration, team formation, coaches, schedules, training and much more. MSC and the Recreation District offer two seasons of soccer for ages 4-18. If you are interested in playing soccer call MSC at 985-624-8080.



### THE BATING CAGES WILL BE OPENING ON MARCH 11TH

#### RE-OPENING "THE CAGES"

With spring comes your swing! Recreation District #1 will open "The Cages" March 11th. If you've never been to them before, the cages consist of 9 individual commercial cages with both baseball and softball speeds. Our automated pitching machines are designed for both youth (ages 7 & up) and adults. Tokens are \$1 for 15 swings with bonus tokens when you spend \$10 or \$20.

Beginning March 11th, batting cage hours:  
**MONDAY-FRIDAY 5-8pm**  
**SATURDAY 10am-6pm**  
**SUNDAY Noon-7pm**





# SPRING REGISTRATION



**REGISTRATION DATES: FEB 25<sup>TH</sup>-MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**Boys Baseball (Ages 5-15)**

**Girls Softball (Ages 5-15)**

If you are registering for your first sport this year...we have a brand new registration software! Any patron that was registered in 2018 should have received a welcome email from auto@recdesk.com with a user ID. In addition, you will have received a second email with a temporary password and website address to log into your account. Once you are logged into your account, we strongly encourage you to change the password by choosing "forgot password" and choosing a personal one. Please fill out the rest of your family's information and you are ready to register for any sports or leisure programs.

Returning players prior to 2017, visit our website where you will be directed to create your family account. Once approved, you will be able to register.

If you are new to Pelican Park this year...you must come by the office at Pelican Park and we will add you into our new system. You must bring a copy of your child's birth certificate and a current utility bill.

**REGISTRATION ENDS AT 8pm ON MARCH 12th!**

**(For our patrons' convenience, Tuesday, March 12th our office will be open until 8pm)**

**\*\*OFFICE HOURS:**

**MONDAY-THURSDAY 8am—6pm, FRIDAY 8am – 5pm**

**\*\* (Office Closed March 4th and 5th and will be Open on Saturday, March 9th from 9am-3pm)**

## BOYS & GIRLS 5/6 YR OLD LEAGUES

Pelican Parks 5 year old Boys T-Ball division, 6 year old Boys Coach Pitch division, and the girls 5/6 year old T-ball/Coach Pitch Division is the perfect youth sports for getting kids started in the game of baseball and softball. It helps develop baseball/softball skills without exerting too much pressure on young players, keeping the game safe, and allowing them to have lots of fun.

Pelican Park's 5 & 6 year old leagues are a non-competitive league which is strictly for the development of the players in a non-competitive atmosphere. There are no scores or standings kept in these age groups. All players play each inning, both offensively and defensively. The players will progress each year with the rules. For example, the 5 year old age group will not clear the bases on an out but the 6 year old age group will clear the player off the base only if the player is thrown out. This will hopefully help the players understand the game better each year by introducing a new concept to the game of baseball.

The girl's 5/6 year old league plays t-ball for half of the season and coach pitch for the other half of the season. Both the girls and boys leagues will play with a safety ball.

- **Boys must be 5 years old by 4/30/19. NO EXCEPTIONS**
- **Girls must be 5 years old by 12/31/18. NO EXCEPTIONS**
- No Evaluations are held for 5 & 6's
- Pre- Season Practices begin the week of April 15th, 2019. Regular season practices may be scheduled by the coach during the week, but will have 30 minutes prior to each game time for practices.
- Season games begin on Saturday, April 27th, 2019 and end late June.
- Games will be on Saturday only through the end of the school session and then teams will play one weekday and one Saturday game.
- 8 game season, no tournament



### REGISTRATION FEES

AGE	DISTRICT	NON-DISTRICT
GIRLS 5/6	<b>\$47.00</b>	\$97.00
BOYS 5	<b>\$45.00</b>	\$95.00
BOYS 6	<b>\$48.00</b>	\$98.00



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# BOYS BASEBALL AGES 7-15

Come join the 2019 Baseball season at Pelican Park, where the boys learn will learn America's favorite game... **BASEBALL**. At the recreation level, your child will learn how to hit, throw, and field. While they are learning and improving their techniques of baseball they will also benefit from teamwork, sportsmanship, and most of all, having **FUN** with their friends.



The Baseball program at Pelican Park is designed for all talent levels of players from the new player to the experienced player. The 7 & 8 year old age groups will be coach pitch and will be introduced to having an official, scores and standings being kept. Kid Pitch starts at 9 year old. The 9 & 10 year old age group cannot steal until the ball crosses the plate. At age 11 year old and up the players are allowed lead off and steal bases.

- **Age as of date 4/30/19.**
- Evaluations are held for ages 7 and above. Evaluation schedules will be available at registration & online.
- Players **MUST** attend evaluations to be eligible to be a pool player or to be eligible to pitch (age 9 and above).
- Practices will begin the week of April 1st, 2019 and games will begin April 27th, 2019. (2 games – 1 weekday & 1 weekend game and one practice per week) The season is played through the end of June.
- Each team has 14 games with a single elimination tournament for ages 7 and above.
- Some age groups may be combined depending on the number of registrants, which will be determined after registration ends.



### REGISTRATION FEES

AGE	DISTRICT	NON- DISTRICT
BOYS 7	<b>\$85.00</b>	\$135.00
BOYS 8	<b>\$86.00</b>	\$136.00
BOYS 9	<b>\$88.00</b>	\$138.00
BOYS 10	<b>\$89.00</b>	\$139.00
BOYS 11/12	<b>\$96.00</b>	\$146.00
BOYS 13/15	<b>\$97.00</b>	\$148.00

Price will vary per age group depending upon the awards and cost of officials.

\*\*\* Play-ups will not be allowed from the 10 year old age group to the 11/12 year old age group per the play up policy\*\*\*

# GIRLS SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL AGES 7-15

Looking for something for your daughter to do this Spring? Come play softball at Pelican Park! The softball program teaches sound softball fundamentals, promotes sportsmanship and fun in a competitive recreational environment.



The softball program is designed for players ages 7 through 15.

- **Age as of date is 12/31/18.**
- Evaluations are held for ages 7 and above. Evaluation schedules will be available at registration & online.
- Players **MUST** attend evaluations to have a parent coach, be eligible to be a pool player or to be eligible to pitch (age 9 and above).
- Pitching Rules-Leagues for ages 6-8 are coach pitch and all ages 9 and above are player pitch.
- Practices will begin the week of April 1st, 2019 and games will begin April 27th, 2019. (2 games – 1 weekday & 1 weekend game and one practice per week) The season is played through the end of June depending on the weather.
- Each team has 12 games with a single elimination tournament for ages 7 and above.



### REGISTRATION FEES

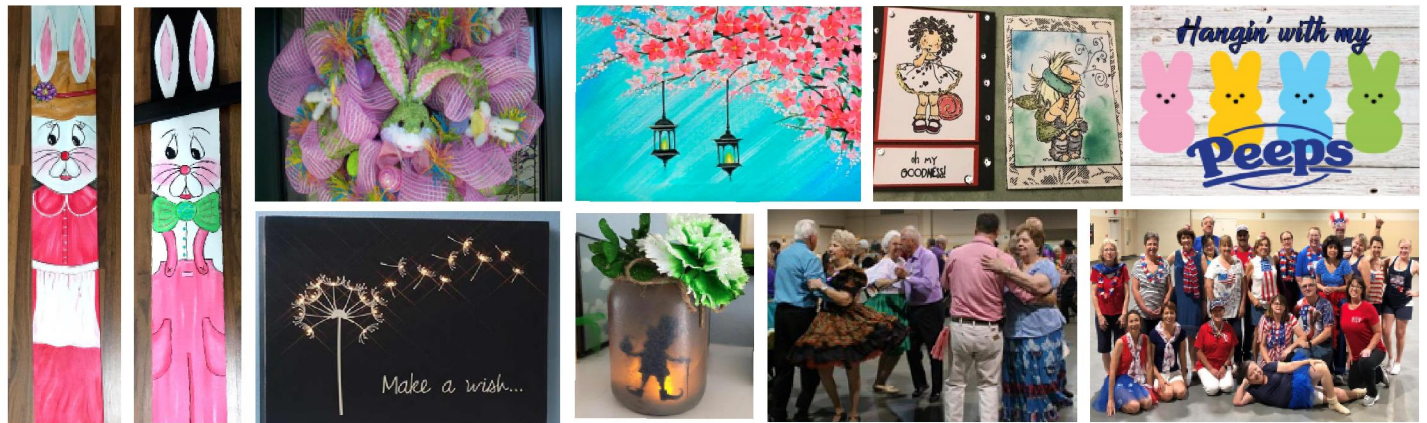
AGE	DISTRICT	NON- DISTRICT
GIRLS 5/6	<b>\$47.00</b>	\$97.00
GIRLS 7/8	<b>\$76.00</b>	\$126.00
GIRLS 9/10	<b>\$75.00</b>	\$125.00
GIRLS 11/12	<b>\$77.00</b>	\$127.00
GIRLS 13/15	<b>\$75.00</b>	\$125.00

Prices will vary per age group depending upon the awards, amount of teams and cost of officials.

\*\*\* Play-ups will not be allowed in softball due to the multiple age groups per the play up policy\*\*\*

# FEE BASED LEISURE PROGRAMS

Class	Date(s)	Time	Location	Cost	# of-Classes	Description
Monday Pilates	March 18th - May 13th Skip 4/22	6:00pm - 7:00pm	Mandeville Trailhead Depot	\$45.00	8	The focus of pilates is to build a strong core, specifically in those areas supporting the spine and abdomen.
Tuesday AM Yoga	March 12th - April 30th	9:30am - 10:30am	Castine Center	\$45.00	8	This 60 minute yoga class is for both beginner and intermediate students. Participants need to bring a yoga mat to each class and dress comfortably.
Thursday AM Yoga	February 28th - April 18th	9:30am - 10:30am	Castine Center	\$45.00	8	This 60 minute yoga class is for both beginner and intermediate students. Participants need to bring a yoga mat to each class and dress comfortably.
Tuesday Line Dancing	March 12th - April 16th	7:15pm-8:15pm	Castine Center	\$34.00 per person	6	Dress comfortably to learn the Wobble, Footloose, Tush Push, and many more fun line dances.
Swing Dancing	April 8th - April 29th	6:00pm - 7:00pm	Castine Center	\$26.00 per person	4	Join us for an introduction to swing dancing featuring East Coast Swing with instruction from USA Dance members, Kerry & Diane Lovell. No partners required.
Salsa Dancing	April 10th - May 1st	6:00pm - 7:00pm	Castine Center	\$26.00 per person	4	Join us for an introduction to salsa dancing featuring latin rythmn with instruction from USA Dance members, Kerry & Diane Lovell. No partners required.
Tuesday Evening Yoga	March 12th - May 7th Skip 4/23	6:00pm - 7:00pm	Mandeville Trailhead Depot	\$45.00	8	Join us for evening beginner and intermediate yoga sessions to help build and strenghten your core located at the Mandeville Trailhead Depot.
Thursday Evening Yoga	March 14th - May 9th Skip 4/25	6:00pm - 7:00pm	Mandeville Trailhead Depot	\$45.00	8	Join us for evening beginner and intermediate yoga sessions to help build and strenghten your core located at the Mandeville Trailhead Depot.



# SOCIAL LEISURE PROGRAMS

Class	Date(s)	Time	Description
Canasta	Every Wednesday of the month	9:30am-12NOON	Join us for a fun and social game of cards.
Crochet Circle	3/1/19 3/15/19	10:00am-12NOON	Share crochet patterns and socialize with fellow crafters.
Hoppy Helpers	3/8/19	10:00am-12NOON	Give back by helping to stuff plastics eggs for Pelican Park's upcoming Egg Hunt.
Rec Desk Registration Software Demo	3/6/2019	1:00pm-3:00pm or 6:00pm-8:00pm	A non-mandatory demonstration for those wishing to learn the new online registration system.

# FREE LEISURE PROGRAMS

Recreation District #1 offers a variety of free and fee-based leisure programs to the community, including arts and crafts, health and wellness, and personal development classes. Pre-registration is required! Call 985-626-7997 to register for upcoming free classes, see below for a complete list of classes, and more detailed descriptions or visit [www.pelicanpark.com](http://www.pelicanpark.com).

Class	Date(s)	Time	Description
Fence Board Painting: Bird House	2/25/2019	1pm & 6pm	Paint the perfect yard décor using fence boards.
Starburst Cards	2/26/2019	10am	Learn to make handcrafted cards for gift giving.
NOLA Acrylic: Mardi Gras Pelican	2/26/19 2/27/19	6pm 10am	New Orleans themed acrylic painting.
One of a Kind Cards	2/27/2019	1pm	Make unique handmade cards for any occasion.
Fence Board Painting: Egg Basket	2/27/2019	1pm & 6pm	Paint the perfect yard décor using fence boards.
How to Operate Your Cricut Machine	2/28/2019	10am	Learn the basics of using a cricut machine.
Stamping Cards	2/28/2019	1pm	Design cards using scrapbooking tools and techniques.
Card Box	3/7/2019	10am	Learn to make handcrafted cards for gift giving.
Stamping Cards	3/7/2019	1pm	Design cards using scrapbooking tools and techniques.
Thai Sesame Cold Noodles	3/7/2019	6pm	Learn a quick and easy recipe.
Fence Board Painting: Mr. Bunny	3/11/2019	1pm & 6pm	Paint the perfect yard décor using fence boards.
Deco Mesh Easter Wreath	3/12/2019	6pm	Create a personalized Wreath.
One of a Kind Cards	3/13/2019	1pm	Make unique handmade cards for any occasion.
Fence Board Painting: Mrs. Bunny	3/13/2019	1pm & 6pm	Paint the perfect yard décor using fence boards.
Watercolor Painting: Fish	3/14/2019	1pm & 6pm	Learn the basic techniques of watercolor painting.
Painting Step-By-Step: Cherry Blossom	3/18/2019	10am	Receive step-by step instruction for a one of a kind painting.
Wood & Photo: Hello Spring Sign	3/18/2019	1pm & 6pm	Creating signs & designs using reclaimed wood.
Easter Cards	3/19/2019	10am	Learn to make handcrafted cards for gift giving.
Painting w/ Michelle: LSU Camper	3/19/2019	1pm & 6pm	Learn the basics of acrylic painting with local favorites.
One of a Kind Cards	3/20/2019	1pm	Make unique handmade cards for any occasion.
Stamping Cards	3/21/2019	1pm	Design cards using scrapbooking tools and techniques.
Boating Safety Class	3/23/2019	9am-5pm	Boating Safety Course by the LA Wildlife & Fisheries.
Wood & Photo: Easter Sign	3/25/2019	10am	Creating signs & designs using reclaimed wood.
Wood & Photo: Door Tags	3/25/2019	1pm & 6pm	Creating signs & designs using reclaimed wood.
One of a Kind Cards	3/27/2019	1pm	Make unique handmade cards for any occasion.
Painting w/ Michelle: Tree of Life	3/28/2019	1pm & 6pm	Learn the basics of acrylic painting with local favorites.

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**SPRING REGISTRATION STARTS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>**



**Congratulations to all of our 2018-19 Basketball Intra-League All-Star Players!**



Florida Parishes Bank is the official bank of Pelican Park and the Castine Center.



Coca-Cola is the official drink supplier of Pelican Park



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**Pelican Play-up Policy**

The Park no longer allows play-ups for leagues with combined age groups. This change is to keep with the philosophy that was set years ago by the Board of Commissioners that restricts three age groups, with the exception of high school age players, from playing together in the same league. The philosophy was established for player safety and development. This means that parents will not have the option to play their child up if the age group they are moving into already has two ages combined. (Example, a 10-year-old player could not move into the 11-12 age groups.) Play-ups to single age groups will remain a parent's choice.

**Debit/Credit Card Information**

Please note that when using a debit or credit card for youth sports registration, your card will be pre-authorized and your bank may place a hold on your account for the registration amount for 72 hours or longer for each registration you attempt. The Park has no control over how long your bank places a hold on the funds.

**Refund Policy**

Until team formation, refunds are given upon request less a \$5 handling fee. Between the draft and the second game, a refund request is not guaranteed. However, a refund will be issued during this time if a child from the waiting list accepts the open spot. When the waiting list child has registered, we will issue a refund to the child dropping from the league less the \$5 handling fee when the uniform, if already issued, is returned. After the second game of the season is played, we do not issue refunds for ANY reason.

**Scholarships Available**

The Park believes that all District children should be able to play sports regardless of their ability to pay. Should you need financial assistance with youth sports registration, please come in to our office and complete an application. Scholarships are available to District residents only and you must come in to our office to apply.

**Secondary Medical Insurance**

As part of your registration fee, Pelican Park purchases secondary insurance for your child for injuries sustained while playing in our programs. In the event of an accident or injury, you must contact the Park's office and complete an incident report. For more information, call the Pelican Park office at: 985-626-7997