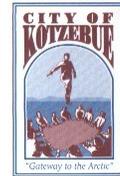


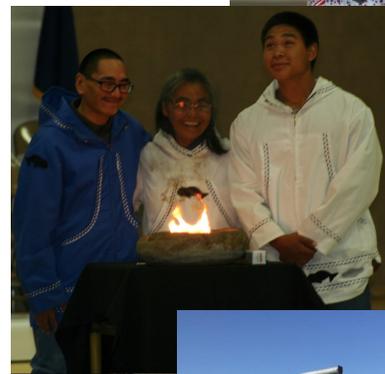
Parks and Recreation



July-August 2015

4th of July

We kicked off the summer with this year's 4th of July Celebration which was a great success. There were many activities for all ages to enjoy throughout the whole week since the holiday coincided with Qatnut (Kotzebue's traditional trade fair.) We are so thankful for all the volunteer help, donations, and community involvement. This event would not have been possible without the hard work, planning, time, and effort put forth by so many great people in our wonderful community.



Open Gym

We were able to have open gym sessions throughout the summer for Elementary, Middle School, High School, Men, and Women. We have made good use of the High School Gym as we have been averaging about 30 people per

open gym session. Open gym times will be changing as soon as school starts and we will get the new schedule out as soon as possible. We would like to thank the Kotzebue Middle-High School for allowing open gym ses-

sions during the summer. It has been a great way for kids and adults to stay healthy and active while school is not in session.



Nutaqqat Iningat (Young People's Place)

The new youth center finally has a name! Congratulations to Lena Hanna for submitting the winning entry for the "Name the Youth Center" contest. Lena won a drum of gas from Crowley! Thank You Crowley for your generous donation!

In an effort to partner more with Boy's and Girl's Club we would like to do a couple of joint events each month. In July we had an open field day for kids of all ages. Shell Oil generously provided hot dogs, chips and drinks for the event. All the kids had a great time despite the chilly weather.

As the new school year gets underway, there will be some changes in the schedule at the facility. Toddler Time, Boy's and Girl's Club, Yoga, game nights, movie nights, etc... will be



Freshly painted bleachers

Mosquito Haven Half Marathon

The Mosquito Half Marathon was held on one of the coldest and windiest days of this summer. We still had 60 participants who had a great time running, walking, and biking despite the weather. We combined events with the VA Stand Down and had a free BBQ making the day an even bigger event. Thanks to Arctic Chiropractic, NANA, NMS, Drake's Construction, Shell, Kotzebue First Baptist Church, and various community members for helping with this great event!



Summer Youth hire busy at work



Vernon

Much of what we do at Parks and Recreation would be impossible without help from others. This summer we were privileged to have the summer youth worker's help. Mary Sue Hyatt, Angela Peacock, Loyd Walker, and Mason Lie painted bleachers, put in horseshoe rings, cleaned up the ball field, and helped out in so many other ways. Teaching our youth to give to the community is an important part of making a community strong. Over the last couple weeks, there has been several kids who have gone out of their way to help at the Youth Center We would like to thank Vernon Atoruk, Trenton and Harry Nanouk. Also, the Boy's and Girl's club vol-

Summer Help & Volunteers

unteers: Lydia Crabb, Jailyn Charlton, and Gertie Melton. We would like to shout out a big "Thank You!!!" to all our volunteers and helpers that pitched in this summer. Thanks to the Boy's and Girl's Club staff:

Arnika Harris, Tim Harris Sr., Arseiunna Harris, Dillan Lie, and Brenna Lewis. If you would like to volunteer for upcoming events, please don't hesitate to call us at 442-3106. We are always looking for help :)



Trenton and Harry