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Spring 2018 Needham Softball registration is open with placement clinics occurring at Claxton Field November 4th and 5th. Players only need to attend one placement clinic. 11/04: Grades 2-4 (1-2pm) Grades 5-6 (2-2:30pm) and 11/05: Grades 2-4 (3-4pm), Grades 5-6 (4-4:30pm). To register go to www.needhamsoftball.com and choose Open Registrations.

Needham Basketball Sign-Ups

Applications for the 27th Needham Basketball Association (NBA) season are now downloadable from www.needhambasketball.com and should be submitted via US mail beginning October 27 and concluding November 3, 2017. The program is for boys and girls in grades 1-4. Season runs from January 6 to March 18 and the cost is \$160. If questions, leave message on website and you'll be quickly responded to.

The Gymnastics Varsity Workshop Returns! Fun, pressure free gymnastics classes for boys and girls from preschool (age 4) through 6th grade. The classes are taught on Saturday mornings in December and January for only \$70 by the gymnasts of the Needham High School Girls Varsity Gymnastics team. Registration opens Friday, November 3rd! Register Early, classes fill quickly. Learn more and register on-line at www.needhamGymnastics.com

NEEDHAM DIVERSITY SUMMIT: SATURDAY, NOV. 18, 8:30-3:00, Pollard Middle School. The Needham Diversity Initiative is preparing for our 6th annual Diversity Summit, which will be held on Saturday, Nov. 18 at Pollard Middle School. This year, we are doing something especially appropriate for students ages 8+: an afternoon workshop focusing on Bystander Training, facilitated by True Story Theater. Join us for a day of workshops, music, spoken word and discussion as we explore and foster aspects of diversity. For more information and to register:

www.needhamdiversity.org

Shop local this holiday season at Needham's Winter Marketplace, sponsored by Parent Talk. The Marketplace brings together more than 40 purveyors of unique, quality gift items together in one convenient location in Needham's charming Powers Hall. Sunday, November 19 from 1-4pm; Tickets at the door for \$6 (\$1 of each ticket donated to Needham Community Farm).

Contact marketplace@parenttalk.info for more information.

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We have just added fun new robots and games to the STEAM station!!! The Needham Free Public Library has a Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math maker-space for children ages 6 and up called the STEAM Powered Creation Station. It is located inside the Children's Craft Room. **New is a Code and Go Mouse robot, Ozobot robots, an Arc Sparki robot, 2 new 3 D Doodlers and several board games that teach concepts about computer coding.** The STEAM station is open from 3:30-8:30 pm on Monday-Wednesday, 3:30-5:30 pm on Thursday 3:30-5:00 on Friday, 9:00-4:30 on Saturday and Sunday 1-6:30 pm.

Girls Who Code - for girls in Grades 5 and up. Meets on Thursday evenings from 6-8 pm in the library's STEAM station through the school year, except for holidays. Girls will work together in groups to create a webpage that also contains an online game. Girls who join the club should attend each session. Register by visiting the Children's Desk or calling [781-455-7559 x 204](tel:781-455-7559).

SEPAC Educational Presentation:

Quirky, Confident, Quiet... or Cause for Concern?

Understanding Social Development in Children

Social competency provides the foundation for personal and professional relationships throughout our lives. Children who lag behind their peers in developing social skills can struggle in and out of the classroom. Presenter Alison Ratner Mayer will provide an overview of social development in children, discuss warning signs that a child might need extra help, and share strategies for parents to support skill development.

Alison Ratner Mayer, LICSW, is a Needham-based child and adolescent therapist who specializes in running social skills group therapy for children, teens, and young adults ages 4-22.

Thursday, November 2

Refreshments: 7:00pm

Program 7:30 - 9:00pm

Broadmeadow School Media Center

Yoga for Children ages 5-9 on Saturday, October 28th at 10:30 am. Free yoga class with a professional instructor.

Bookventurers Book Club for children in grades 3-5. This month's book is Donny's Inferno by P.W. Catanese. Copies available at the Children's Desk. Read the book and discuss it with other children. Some sessions include a live Skype with the author. Eat yummy snacks and enjoy activities related to the book. Sign up at the Children's Desk.

Trick or Treat at the Library, all day on Tuesday, October 31st. If you celebrate Halloween, or if you just like candy, come visit the library. The Children's Desk will be giving away candy treats all day from 9:00 am to 8:30 pm. A toy alternative is available for children with food

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Needham Youth Hockey

Registration is now open for the 2017/18 Needham Youth Hockey In-house program, a fun and instructional introduction to ice skating and hockey for girls and boys ages 3-12. For more information, visit www.nyha.org or contact Bryan McGinn and Mike Tobin at inhouse@nyha.org.

St. Joseph's In Town Basketball League Sign Ups

On-line registration for the 2017-2018 season for St. Joseph's In Town Basketball League (boys and girls grades 5 through 8) can be found at: www.stjoesbasketballneedham.com.

Call Program Director Steve Blomberg at 781.444.7782 if you have any questions.

Calling all second grade girls! Are you interested in joining the Girl Scouts? A new Brownie troop is forming. If you have questions about what the Girl Scouts do please go to the [Girl Scouts of Eastern MA](#) page and get answers to frequently asked questions. If interested please email Betsy Deitte at betsyab@gmail.com.

A beautiful, USATF-certified course through Needham and Wellesley, with a fun, family-friendly after-party. Benefits the Charles River Center—serving more than 950 children and adults with developmental disabilities. www.CharlesRiverCenterRoadRace.com.

Needham High School's Take Back the Night Club and the Needham Domestic Violence Action Committee are pleased to announce the 11th annual Take Back the Night event, on November 16th from 6 to 9 pm in the Needham High Cafeteria. Take Back the Night is dedicated to raising awareness about domestic violence and sexual assault and its prevention, as well as working to give a voice to those who do not have one. Planned and put on by Needham High School students, the event will feature live music, guest speakers, free food, give aways, and much more, everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this free event.

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Circle of Hope, a Needham-based nonprofit, is looking for new volunteers!

The mission of Circle of Hope is to provide clothing and other necessities to 21 Boston-area homeless shelters and programs in order to preserve the health and dignity of homeless individuals and families. Volunteers can sign up for one or more 2-3 hour shifts per week, and right now we are specifically looking for people to fill morning shifts Monday – Thursday between 9 am - noon. To learn more about volunteering and how to apply, visit our website at www.circleofhopeonline.org/volunteer or contact Jody Barnet at jody@circleofhopeonline.org.

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