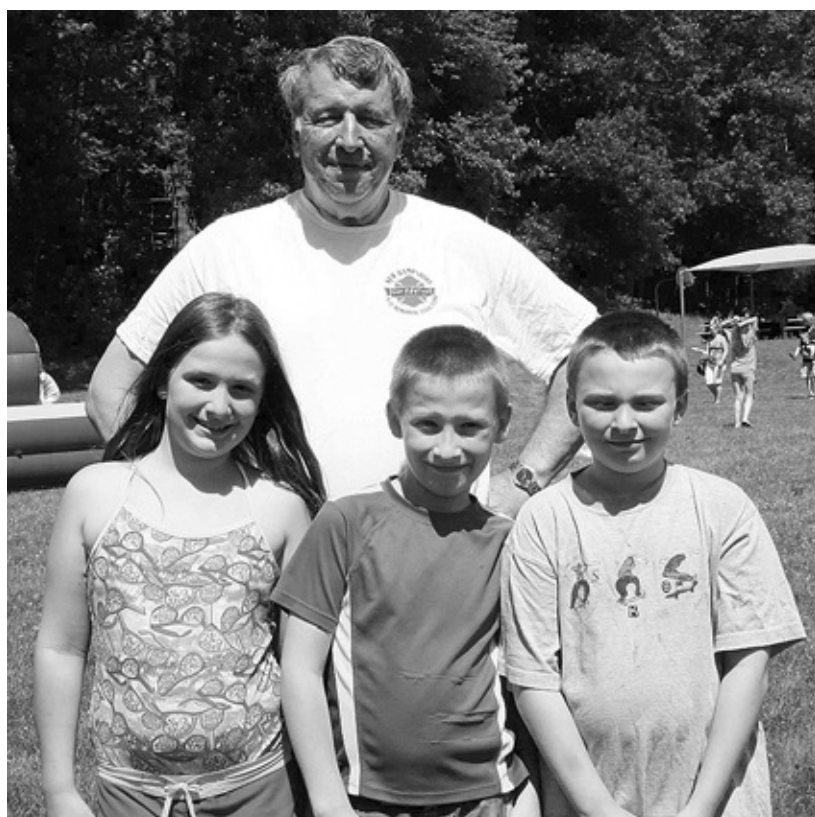


Region

The Bedford Strawberry Festival, A Great Day For The Family



Strawberry Shortcake Eating Contest 2014 Winners – Dave Daniels, Master of Ceremonies with Zoie Love, Jacob Richard, Zach Love

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BEDFORD – Looking for a fun outing? The Seventh Annual Bedford Strawberry Festival will take place on Saturday June 20th from 11AM to 3PM. This is a family event with activities for all ages, but with special emphasis on the kids. Strawberries are the featured item with delicious Strawberry Shortcake donated by Hannaford Supermarkets, then prepared by volunteers from the New Hope Christian Fellowship Church.

Of course there is also a Shortcake Eating Contest with prizes. There'll also be hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings. In addition Face Painting will be available for kids and any adult so inclined.

The kids also enjoy free use of the large inflatable Bounce House and Obstacle Course, so parents have plenty of time to browse the many local vendors. You'll recognize many of them from the Farmer's Markets but there'll be new ones too, along with non-profit and Town organizations. In fact, the

Bedford Men's Club will be there, offering the final raffle tickets with subsequent drawing scheduled to take place for three Weber Grills. The Bedford Police and Fire Departments will have Fire Engine and Police Cruisers on display to show off their latest technologies.

As with previous years, the Strawberry Festival will be held at the Performance Field immediately adjacent to the Town Pool on County Road and near the intersection of Nashua and County Roads.

Plenty of signage will be provided as well as an overflow parking area.

The Strawberry Festival is sponsored by the Friends of the Town of Bedford Cemeteries, whose mission is to protect and maintain the many historic grave markers in the town which are not cared for by public funds, and to provide education about their history. We are a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization of volunteers and all funds raised, goes for this important work. Admission to the Festival is free.



Mark M. O'Brien, Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer. Right Susan Taylor, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley)

Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley Wins Prestigious Award for Excellence in Marketing and Communications

MILFORD – The Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley recently received Boys & Girls Clubs of America's prestigious Marketing and Communications (MAC) Award during the organization's 109th Annual National Conference in Chicago, IL. The Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley was selected among hundreds of local Clubs across the country for implementing the best marketing strategy, receiving a Bronze Award in the Comprehensive Marketing Strategy category and a Gold Award for out-

standing publications. "I was very honored to accept the award on behalf of Kevin Salemi, our Dir. of Development and Marketing," stated Susan Taylor, Executive Director. "The award recognizes his excellence as a marketing communications professional." In recognition of this outstanding achievement, Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer, Mark M. O'Brien, left, was on hand to present Susan Taylor, Executive Director, right, with the esteemed award.

Win a Golf Foursome at the Nashua Country Club

A \$360.00 Value!

Tickets are \$50 each.

Winner to receive a voucher for golf and carts for four at the exclusive Nashua Country Club.

Proceeds help support Victims and Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

Only 100 tickets will be sold!

Winning ticket will be drawn July 1st at Bridges 33 East Pearl Street, Nashua NH. You do not need to be present to win.

Participants must be 18 years or older to participate. Any tax liability is the sole responsibility of the prize winners(s). Bridges employees and their families may participate. All players must have a valid USGA handicap and must be able to play a golf round in four hours and fifteen minutes. Ticket sales end June 15th. Prize must be redeemed by November 15, 2015.

ENGAGEMENT



Field – Stama

Lee and Keri Field of Avenue, Maryland together with Frank and Shelly Stama of Amherst are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Stephanie Field and Tip Stama.

The couple met during their freshman year at Penn State. Stephanie graduated from McDonough High School in 2004 and received her degree from the Florida Institute of Technology as a Doctor of Psychology. She is currently completing her Doctoral Internship at The Center for Counseling and Psychological Services at Penn State University and will begin her Post Doctoral position there in August.

Tip graduated from Souhegan High School in 2004. In 2009, he earned his commercial pilot and flight instructor certificates from Delta Connection Academy and was employed as a Flight Standards leader and manager with Aeroism Flight Academy. He is currently pursuing a degree at Penn State in Energy and Sustainability Policy.

They recently relocated from Rockledge, Florida and reside in State College, Pennsylvania with their dog, Otto.

A September 2015 wedding is planned at Sotterley Plantation in Hollywood, Maryland.

Please send Engagement and Wedding announcements (forms available at www.amherstcitizen.com) to Editor:

The Amherst Citizen, PO Box 291, Amherst, NH 03031.

Also, enclose a S.A.S.E. for return of color or B&W photos. Emailed photos must be 700kb or larger

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Amherst Recreation Programs and Events

Please view our website for schedule and pricing option.

Baboosic Lake Swim Team

Join the Baboosic Lakers!

The goal of our team is to provide every member an opportunity to improve swimming skills in order to achieve success at his or her level of ability, make new friends and have a great deal of fun!

Who: Ages 4-19
When: 6/22-8/14 M-F from 9-10am
Where: Baboosic Lake Town Beach
Fee: \$45R; \$70NR

Swim Lessons at Baboosic Lake

Take advantage of our American Red Cross swim lessons. All instructors are ARC Water Safety certified. Swim lessons are scheduled for a 30 minute time period between 10am-2:00PM, Monday - Thursday at Baboosic Lake.

Please visit www.amherstrec.org for schedule options

Summer Camps

Start thinking summertime in Amherst! This year we are offering two full day summer camps. Each week at camp will be centered around a theme. Both camps will take part in weekly field trips, all on Wednesdays

2015 Field Trips include: Canobie Lake Park, Roll On America, Sky Zone, Circus Smirkus, Seacoast Science Center, Hampton Beach SP, and Water Country!

Baboosic Lake Summer Camp

Who: Entering grade 1-7
Where: Baboosic Lake
When: 6/22-8/14
Fee: \$135R; \$175NR per week
\$870R; \$1190NR Full Summer Rate

Baboosic Lake CIT Program

Volunteer Counselors in Training will work with our camp counselors to provide a fun camp environment for all children. A ticket to that week's field trip is included.

Who: Entering grades 9 and 10
Where: Baboosic Lake
When: 6/22-8/14
Fee: \$35R; \$45NR

Outdoor Discovery Summer Camp (grades 1-5)

Who: Entering 1-5
Where: Peabody Mill Environmental Center (PMEC)
When: 6/22-8/7
Fee: \$145R; \$185NR
\$825R; \$1105NR Full Summer Rate

Outdoor Discovery Summer Camp (grades 6-8) Includes all field trips!

Who: Entering 6-8
Where: Peabody Mill Environmental Center (PMEC)
When: 6/22-8/7
Fee: \$179R; \$219NR
\$1063R; \$1343NR Full Summer Rate

Outdoor Discovery Mini Camp

Who: Ages 4&5
Where: Peabody Mill Environmental Center (PMEC)
When: 6/22-7/31
Fee: \$105R; \$120NR
\$460R; \$550NR

Cheer Camp

Who: Grades 1-8
Where: Bean Fields
When: 6/22-6/25
Fee: \$100R; \$120NR

Challenger British MultiSport Camp

Sports covered may include tag rugby, cricket, soccer, rounders, kickball, netball and handball.

Who: Ages 6-16
Where: Bean Field
When: July 27- July 31
Fee: \$135 Half day
\$190 Full day

Pre-School Programming

Pre-School Play Group

Who: Preschoolers and parents/caregivers
What: Pre school Playgroup
Where: Peabody Mill Environmental Center
When: Fridays 11am-Noon
Fee: FREE

Please note: We will NOT be meeting on May 8th, May 15th or May 29th.

Story Telling on the Green

A Collection of local story tellers will gather to share some wonderful stories! These events are perfect for both children and adults.

Where: Amherst Town Green (look for a sign)
When: Tuesday June 2 from 4:30-6pm

In case of inclement weather, the storytellers will meet at the Amherst Town Library at 7pm on the dates listed above.

Homeschool Science Programs

Amherst Recreation offers environmental and science programs to home school students throughout the school year at the Peabody Mill Environmental Center!

Who: Home school students ages 3-14

Where: Peabody Mill Environmental Center (PMEC)

When: June 16th from 1-3pm (3-5yr olds from 1-2pm)
Fee: \$5 for 3-5 yr olds, \$10 for 6-14 yr olds

Please visit www.amherstrec.org for activity descriptions

Adult Programming

Morning Miles

Who: Adults
What: Loosely organized running group
When: Tuesday and Thursdays at 6am March 31-June 18

Where: Village Green, in the parking lot across from the Congregational Church
Fee: FREE!

Rugby 7's for Adults

Rugby 7's is a quick, fun and easy to learn sport.

Who: Adults 18+
Where: Lower Wilkins
When: Wednesday Nights starting June 24th
Fee: \$20R; \$25NR

Family Programming

Birthday Parties at PMEC!

Create amazing birthday memories this year with a Birthday Party for your child age 3-12 at the Peabody Mill Environment Center!

We have several themes to choose from or we can work together to tailor one just for your Birthday Girl or Boy. Please visit www.amherstrec.org for more details.

We add programs weekly, so check our website often...

And make time in your life for Recreation!



Autism Walk and All Abilities Festival

June 20, 2015 1pm-5pm, Rain or Shine at UpReach Therapeutic Equestrian Center, Goffstown

On your mark, get set, GO! It's time to take the first step and recruit your friends, coworkers, and neighbors to hit the trails at UpReach Therapeutic Equestrian Center and walk for the Autism Walk and All Abilities Festival on June 20th from 1-5pm at 153 Paige Hill Road in Goffstown, NH! To participate in the 1 mile walk through the woods on the UpReach property, participants are asked to raise a minimum of \$100. Walk participants who raise a minimum of \$100 will receive a free event T-Shirt. Put together a team and submit your rosters early so your team's pendant will be posted on the trail head! The team and individual that raise the most money will receive a prize at the end of the walk.

This is a collaborative event with the NH Council on Autism Spectrum Disorders, Adam's Camp and UpReach Therapeutic Equestrian Center and with support from the NH Council on Developmental Disabilities. Together, we have devel-

oped an opportunity for families living with autism and other disabilities to explore the many services and activities available to individuals with disabilities. You won't want to miss a day of fun-filled activities rain or shine in an environment where everyone is welcome and differences are celebrated. Beside the walk, festival events include a showcase of artists and musicians of all abilities, scavenger hunt, kids' crafts, silent auction, vendors, 50/50 raffle, and pony rides. While there is no fee to attend the festival, some events will have a small fee to participate. All money raised goes directly to help UpReach Therapeutic Equestrian Center, the New Hampshire Council on Autism Spectrum Disorders, and Adam's Camp continue to provide essential services. For more information please visit our website at www.nhabilityfestival.org, like our Facebook event page, or contact Kristen at 497-2343 or Kristen@Upreachtrc.org.