

AMHERST RECREATION

Community Recreation & Peabody Mill Environmental Educational Center

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Program Guide Summer 2012

From the Recreation Director: Nancy McMillan

By the time this bulletin is published and into your hands spring will have sprung. Although it seems that it came earlier this year, the vernal equinox is official on March 21. Many daffodil and crocus are already above ground giving us a spirit of hope for a new beginning.

Beginnings are always exciting for us. New programs and activities will compliment those that young and old have come to expect and enjoy. A fresh start also encourages us to try harder; to take action in hope of a greater good and to meet challenges head on.

The recent defeat of the warrant article allowing the Town of Amherst to purchase property to replace Cemetery playground and fields requires us to think anew. I hope that as a community we can come together to avoid the disappearance of our playground and playing fields from public use.

It's exhilarating to announce that the idea of forming a foundation to support recreation has become a reality. The Foundation's task force is working on a name, vision and mission statement, defining core values and will soon apply for a 501-3c status with the State. This may be an opportunity for you to become a supporter of the Foundation's work. Watch for updates in the Amherst

Citizen, our e-newsletter, our web site www.amherstrec.org, and our Face Book Fan page.

Do you have a subscription to our e newsletter? I hope so. If not, it is as simple as going to our web site and enrolling. The bi-monthly page gives you up to date information regarding recreation programs and events.

Spring is here and summer soon approaching. Check inside to see if there is something that may give you or your family an idea for a new beginning. Remember, we are always curious on how we are doing to meet your recreation needs. Give us a call, visit us on Face Book or drop us a note. We welcome your feedback.

Amherst Recreation Commission:

Dan Gravel - Chairman Manny Almeida - Vice Chairman Mike Heaney Addie Hutchison Travis Warren

Wendy Rannenberg Karen Urbanik

Pim Grondstra - Souhegan Coop. School District Liaison Jim Manning - Amherst School District Liaison

Amherst Recreation Staff Members:

Children

sessions and times.

Nancy McMillan - Recreation Director Diana Jones - Program Administrator Aisha Mitchell - PMEC Administrative Support Keith Trott - Park Foreman

Summer at Baboosic Lake

Baboosic Lake

Escape to the Lake. Join us for a summer filled with lake side activities. Bring the whole family for swimming lessons, beach volleyball, fun on the play-scape, build sandcastles, picnic under the canopy of the pines or just enjoy a warm summer day on the beach. The beach is guarded daily 10am-6pm. The season opens June 16th and closes August 18th.

Amherst Town Beach Season Pass

Resident Family - \$90

Nonresident family - \$130

With the purchase of a session of swimming lessons the seasons pass to the Lake for the balance of the summer is discounted \$20. Daily Gate fee: \$4 ages 12+, \$2 ages 3-11

(2 and under & age 65+ free)

Swim Team

Swim team is open to all ability levels for ages 4-19. Participants must be able to float on their front. The first practice is June 25th, 9-10am for all levels. The Swim Meet schedule is available on our website.

Fee: \$45 Resident/\$70 Nonresident

Swim Lessons

Take advantage of our American Red Cross swimming lessons administered by our experienced returning staff. All instructors are ARC Water Safety certified. Swimming lessons are scheduled for a 30 minute time period at the Baboosic Lake Beach.

Private Swims Lessons

One on one in water instruction will be provided and our instructor will work with you to meet your swimming goals. We welcome all ages and abilities. Private lessons will be offered each of the three sessions at either 9-9:30am or 9:30-10am. Fee: \$65 Resident/\$75 Nonresident

Young Children

Infants, 6 - 29 months must participate with a parent/guardian. Children must be at least 2-and-a half years old (30 months) to participate in preschool fish classes without a parent/guardian. After registering, each child will be water tested to be sure they are in the appropriate fish level.

Sunfish: children new to water.

Sailfish: children adjusted to water, who can put face in water and can float with support. **Swordfish**: children who can swim and nearly ready for American Red Cross Level 1.

Jennifer Stover & Cari Lane - Administrative Assistant Stuart Long - Park Maintainer

Register your child based on the ARC level they

Session 1 Mon-Thur. 6/25-7/6 (no class 7/4)

completed in their prior lessons or refer to the level

description on our website to assist you in placing your child. Lessons will be held during the following

Session 2 Mon-Thur. 7/9-7/19 Session 3 Mon-Thur. 7/23-8/2 Fridays used for makeup classes only. Fee:\$45 session/Resident \$55 session/Nonresident.

Swim Lesson Session Schedule

Class Schedule for each Session

Time	Level		
10:00-10:30am	Level 1	Sunfish	Sunfish
10:40-11:10am	Level 2 Sailfish	Sailfish	Sailfish
11:20-11:50am	Level 3	Swordfish	Swordfish
Noon-12:30pm	Level 4		
12:40-1:10pm	Level 5		
1:20-1:50pm	Level 6		

Tennis Instruction

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Come and join our instructor who will introduce Session 1: June 25 - 28 you to the fundamentals and fun of tennis at the Amherst Middle School Courts. Bring your own racquet and we'll provide tennis balls.

Fee: Beg./Inter. \$50 Resident, \$60 Nonresident Session 5: July 23 - 26 Preschool \$35 Resident, \$45 Nonresident

Private lessons

Private lessons can be scheduled for adults and children. Give us a call to schedule a lesson!

Weekly Tennis Sessions

Session 2: July 2 - 6 (not 7/4)

Session 3: July 9 - 12

Session 4: July 16 - 19

Note: Friday is the makeup day for rain.

Beginner 9:30-10:15am Intermediate 10:30-11:15am Preschool (ages 3-5) 11:30-noon

Mothers Morning Tennis

Moms enjoy some time to learn tennis, brush up on tennis skills and play a game while we help with the child care (children ages 3 to 7). While you play tennis your child will be cared for by our child care provider.

When: Fridays, 7/6-7/27 9:00-10:00am Where: Davis Lane Tennis Court Fee: \$50 Resident, \$60 Nonresident

Join in the Fun

Game Daze

Amherst Recreation offers a fun afternoon of table or card games for Seniors. Bring along your favorite an artist looking for a new medium, this workshop game and enjoy the afternoon challenging yourself and others at scrabble, dominos, bridge, pinochle or whatever game interests you.

When:Thursdays 1-3:30pm Where: Amherst Central Fire Station

Fee: Free

Contemplative Photography

If you are a photographer looking to go deeper or is for you. Bring your digital camera (any kind) with memory card. All levels of photographic experience are welcome.

When: Saturday 4/14 9:00am-1:00pm Where: Peabody Mill Environmental Center (PMEC)

Fee: \$30 Resident, \$40 Nonresident

for-profit organization that wants to add an attractive, fully-functioning online store to their WordPress website. The store will enable visitors to the site to view and purchase products or services offered by the business

Creating Online Stores with WordPress This course is designed for any business or not-

When: Saturday 4/14 8:30am-12:45pm Where: Amherst Middle School Fee: \$95 Resident, \$105 Nonresident

Friend us on Facebook and be entered for a chance to win a \$25 Recreation gift certificate. www.facebook.com/amherstrec

Dog Effective Training*

Are you looking to become the alpha dog in your pack? Join trainer, Lloyd Mosher and learn techniques that will help you with your dog's behavior. Whether you are in need of simple commands or specific behavior issues, Lloyd will give individual attention to each owner and dog.

When: Wednesdays, Dates TBD, 6:30-7:30pm, Where: Bean Fields, Fee:\$125 Resident, \$135 Nonresident *Note: Dogs must have a current inoculations and license and be six months or older. Please bring proof of requirements to the first lesson.

Hartshorn Summer Program 2012

The mission of Peabody Mill Environmental Center (PMEC) is to foster an awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the natural world, by offering environmental, conservation, and science programs to all ages. PMEC strives to foster diligent stewardship of our environment so that future generations may inherit and continue to be inspired by the wonders of a protected and natural world.

With that in mind we are offering our 23rd season of environmentally based programs in our Hartshorn Summer Program. Programs will be held at the PMEC located at the end of Brook Road in Amherst. Programs are offered by grade and the grade is the grade your child will be entering in the Fall of 2012. The weekly classes are offered 9am-12pm daily with extended day options available. Be sure to register early as classes fill quickly. Classes will begin Monday 6/25/12 and continue for 8 weeks of summer! Extended day programs are not offered for children younger than those entering 1st grade.

Week 1 June 25-June 29 ~ Week 2 July 2 -July 6 (excludes July 4th) ~ Week 3 July 9-13 ~ Week 4 July 16-20 ~ Week 5 July 23-27 Week 6 July 30 - August 3 ~ Week 7 August 6-10 ~ Week 8 August 13-17

Pre-Schoolers (3 & 4 year olds)

Toddler Trails, Tales & More.... Explore the woods, ponds and brooks around PMEC. Enjoy games, easy hikes, stories, and nature crafts. Each toddler must be accompanied by an adult. Offered Wednesdays 6/27 - 8/15 (except Wednesday 7/4) 1:00 -1:45pm.

Kindergarteners* & 1st Graders

Colors of Nature: Let's explore the colors we find in nature. We'll use nature's wonderful colors and bring them to life in our own works of art. Activities will include watercolor painting, paper making, embellished nature collages and more. Much time will be spent in nature acquiring an appreciation for the beauty of our colorful world. July 23-27, August 6-10

Forest & Pond Dwellers: Get excited about animals! Spend each day investigating a different type of animal through observation, exploration, and creative activities. Explore the world of insects, reptiles, amphibians, birds, and mammals. Enjoy activities and games about animals. June 25-29, July 16-20, August 6-10

Natures Music: How does that cricket or katydid make that sound? Can a frog's ribbit, a crow's caw- caw, a bee's buzz, a cicada's click or some of the other sounds of nature be combined to create music? The children in this musical group will work to replicate the sounds of nature and create a song of their own, complete with lyric's of their choosing. July 16-20, August 13-17

Never Get Lost: Leave behind the GPS and join us as we learn basic map reading skills, how to operate a compass, read trail signs and find our way back. We'll build a map of our location and the surrounding trails, build a basic compass and setup our own trail sign system. July 2-6 (not 7/4)

Out Of This World: Discover what lies in space beyond the earth including the moon, planets and stars! The class will create a constellation and solar system model as they explore the world beyond. Become a part of a human solar system. July 9-13

Trail Blazers: Join us as we travel our trails to forests and ponds discovering the fun that can be found in the woods. It will be a week of outdoor exploration, hiking, playing trail games, singing trail songs, telling stories, viewing the sights and sounds of the forest and completing arts and crafts projects. July 2-6 (not 7/4), July 23-27, August 13-17

Up In The Air: Spend the week discovering what makes the air around us so amazing. Learn about air and wind using balloons, bubbles, paper airplanes, homemade miniature parachutes, and kites. July 30-August 3

Woodland Explorer Club: Explore the terrain around the center looking for creatures and their habitats. Senses will be heightened as we look and listen for signs of these creatures. The daily adventure will include hiking, bug catching, pond exploration, games, stories, crafts and more. July 9-13, July 30-August 3

Wet & Wild: A perennial favorite has been modified to provide even more fun in this water based program. Children will explore different types of wetlands in the Joe English Conservation land and the wildlife that lives there. New this year the program will be offered in two grade groups. Grades K-3 will enjoy a light science based program with tons of water fun while the 4th-8th grade children will enjoy a fun but more science based water exploration class. June 25-29, July 9-13

2nd & 3rd Graders

Art from Nature: Create works of art from items collected in nature. We'll incorporate natural objects in the art we create. We'll explore different mediums each day as we create pieces of art that children will be proud to display. July 9-13, August 13-17

Beginning Rocketeer: As a Beginning Rocketeer children will be introduced to rocket science and technology, first with simple compressed air rockets, then onto rockets whose propulsion is fueled by simple chemical reaction and then to building a fantastic rocket that will be launched on the final day of class. July 2-6 (not 7/4), July 30-August 3

Hike, Explore, Discover: Learn to walk quietly in the woods during our daily woodland exploration. We'll be searching for animals, identifying plant life, and examining the natural world around us. Most of our time will be spent in the woods exploring it's sights and sounds. A daily observation journal will be kept. July 2-6 (not 7/4), July 23-27

Jr. Physicist: Join us as we introduce the basics of physics examining the relationship between matter and energy. We'll perform simple experiments involving mechanics, optics, electricity and magnetism, acoustics and heat to expand the minds of these young physicists. July 23-27, August 13-17 **Magical Potions:** Beginning chemists will delight as we investigate the science of chemistry. Common household products will be used to create fabulous flubber, polish pennies, set off pop rockets, investigate sour power, become a plaster master and more. We'll explain in simple terms the chemical reactions as they are created in each experiment. July 16-20, August 6-10

Music in Nature: Explore how nature inspires music, babbling brooks, wind, creaky trees, birds, frogs, and insects. Find out how and why animals make music. Make your own real musical instruments using items from nature. Learn some fun songs about nature. Become inspired to create your own song that we can put to music. No previous musical background required! July 16-20, August 6-10

Sparks Will Fly: We'll learn the basics of electricity, exploring how it's produced through hands on experiments and activities. Children will enjoy building a basic battery, creating static electricity to bend water and many other energy related projects. July 9-13, July 30-August 3

Vegetable Garden Club: Come learn about gardening by planting a garden, caring for plants and harvesting the garden bounty. We'll do our own weeding, watering, pest control and enjoy fun crafts and games as we go. The garden will include tomatoes', peppers, carrots, cucumbers, herbs and more. Gain a sense of ownership and pride for foods you've grown. Build a garden stepping stone to bring home. We'll plant the Garden on Saturday 5/19 and then resume classes on Tuesday afternoons 1-3pm. 6/26,7/3,7/10,7/17,7/24,7/31,8/7,8/14.

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Wise Kids Outdoors: Ever want to make a fort to hang out in? Want to plant something and watch it grow? Wonder what worms do for the dirt? Then "Wise Kids Outdoors" is for you. You're guaranteed to get dirty, and have fun doing all these things and much more. You'll go on scavenger hunts, make a critter keeper, look for bugs, and even learn about simple geocaching. June 25-29,

4th& 5th Graders

All About Forensics: We will investigate how to use scientific techniques to gather evidence. Some of these investigations will include finger printing, analyzing handwriting, and comparing footprints. We will collect and then observe hair and cloth fibers using a microscope. Then we'll use chemistry to compare unknown powders and to separate colors. July 16-20, August 13-17

All Charged Up!! Imagine spending a week taking part in safe, hands-on, battery-operated experiments in our science laboratory. Each day we'll make a different battery-operated device and then take it home. We'll discover how batteries and circuits work. Each of us will build a burglar alarm, telegraph, quiz game, steady-hand game, and electromagnets. July 2-6 (not 7/4), July 23-27

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Cast Away, Fishing Fun! (1) Spend the week exploring and fishing the streams and ponds in the area. Learn the types of fish found in ponds and streams and how best to catch them. Our instructor will teach you the ins and outs of fishing and how to build a basic lure using a variety of methods. This class is required before advancing to Cast Away, Fishing Fun!(2) July 9-13, July 30-August 3

Hartshorn Summer 4th & 5th grade programs continued.....

Cast Away, Fishing Fun! (2) We've learned the ins and outs of fishing using a variety of methods; now it's time to learn how to bait a hook, safely remove a fish from our hook and the best way to release your catch into the wild. We'll cover bait choices, equipment care, water safety and we'll explore the all important question "Where do fish live and how do we find them?". Attendance in the Cast Away Fishing Fun (1) class is required prior to joining this class. July 16-20

Lego Challenge: This introduction to the Lego League Challenge will give children interested in the Lego program a chance to see what it's all about. They will begin by building structures and designing table mats, they will then move onto programming robots. The activities will include the use of Lego's, programmable robots with sound, light and motion sensors as well as computer based programs. August 6-10

Nature In Film: This class will give creative minded kids the opportunity to express themselves in film. Wander the grounds around the environmental center capturing nature in film. Pictures will be taken, uploaded to the computer, edited and combined with music to produce a slide show. Participants will produce a collage of their most favorite pictures. Bring your own digital camera (with USB Cable) or we'll provide a basic digital camera for your use. August 13-17

Newton's Got Nothing On Us... Budding physicists will explore the relationship between matter and energy, performing experiments that involve mechanics, optics, electricity and magnetism, acoustics and heat. We'll create a mini-roller coaster, vortex in a can, pinhole camera and many more. June 25-29, July 23-27

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Young Chemists: Each day in our laboratory we will explore the world of chemistry with safe experiments. We'll investigate carbon dioxide, make slime, make ice cream, learn how to clean dirty pennies, write with invisible ink, explore how diapers keep babies dry, and experiment with different sunscreens. July 9-13, August 6-10

6th, 7th & 8th Graders

Capture The Flag, With A Twist: Be one of the groups to build a shelter and a fort in a secret location. With other skills learned this week, hide a map with coordinates to your fort. Play Capture the Flag using a compass and camouflage. Plan rescue missions to save captured team mates! August 13-17 Get Your Head In The Clouds: This environmental weather study will teach you the effect weather has on the world around us. Gain an understanding of the effects of temperature, moisture and air movement. Is it global warming or the natural cycle of climate change? Let's explore the possibilities. Students keep a weather journal and build their own rudimentary weather station instruments. June 25-29

Jr. Forester: Forestry embraces the science and art of managing, using, and conserving forests in a sustainable way. We look to our forests, the most important component of the biosphere, for clean air, water, raw materials, wildlife habitat and recreation. This class will take a close look at each of those area's as we explore this vital field of science as Jr. Foresters, July 16-20, August 6-10

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Living In The Woods: Build a fort using ropes, downed wood and found objects. Could we really live in the woods? Challenge the limits of physics, engineering and creativity as we build a fort. Knot tying will be taught and no trees will be injured in the building the structures. July 2-6 (not 7/4), July 23-27 Nature Detective: Let's take a closer look at nature and see what we will find. Through scientific investigation, we'll examine water, soil and animals of all types to see what lies beyond the naked eye. Compile a journal recording the facts discovered. July 9-13, August 13-17

Wipe Out In The Woods: Can you face the challenges before you? The obstacle course will be comprised of low ropes, rock climbing and much more, all set up to test your physical abilities. The course will involve running, climbing, jumping, crawling, balance, test of endurance and mental quickness. July 30-August 3

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Hartshorn In The Afternoon

Spend the afternoon exploring nature! Enjoy a relaxing lunch with friends before spending hours engaged in fun activities. This loosely structured afternoon will include exploring the land and trails around PMEC, wading through streams, nature crafts, stories, board games and more. Children will spend time collecting frogs and bugs, and making new friends. Students Grades 1-6 noon-5:30pm

Hartshorn Program Registration Fee Schedule Weekly:

Hartshorn 9:00am-noon \$110 Res, \$120 Nonres Morning Care 7:30-9:00am \$35 Res, \$40 Nonres Afternoon Care noon-5:30pm \$100 Res, \$110 Nonres Morning & Afternoon Care \$125 Res, \$135 Nonres

Hartshorn Program Registration Fee Schedule Daily: Morning Care Daily 7:30-9:00am \$9 Res, \$11 Nonres Afternoon Care Daily - noon-5:30pm \$26 Res, \$28 Nonres

Hartshorn Program Registration Fee Schedule Cont'd:

4 Day Wks - 7/2-7/6 (not on July 4th) 9:00am-noon \$90 Res, \$100 Nonres Morning Care 7/2-7/6 (not on July 4th) 7:30-9:00am \$30 Res, \$35 Nonres Afternoon Care 7/2-7/6 (not on July 4th) noon-5:30pm \$80 Res, \$90 Nonres Morning & Afternoon Care 7/2-7/6(not on July 4th) \$100 Res, \$110 Nonres 3 & 4 yr olds-Toddler Trails, Tales & More, 7 Weeks \$60 Res, \$70.00 Nonres 1 week \$9 Res, \$11 Nonres

Vegetable Garden Club (9 sessions) \$110 Res, \$120 Nonres

Pre-registration is required for all programs (weekly or daily). Payment must be received prior to class participation. Registration is available online at www.amherstrec.org, by mail to 4 Cross Road, Amherst, NH 03031 or submitted in person at the recreation office or by phone at 673-6248.



Other Peabody Mill Environmental Center Happenings....

Under the Full Moon Hikes

Let us help you around the night sky. Join us for stories and a walk in the woods along paths that accommodate people of all ages. Bring a flashlight to help you navigate uneven terrain. Come along on the following Saturdays at the PMEC for a hike:

4/6 - Frog Moon, vernal pool investigation, 8:30-10pm

7/7 - Thunder Moon, fire fly catch followed by flashlight tag, 8:30-10pm

10/29 - Harvest Moon 7:30-9:00pm

Be sure to register in advance so that we know you are interested!



Volunteer Opportunities

Our Hartshorn Environmental Camp utilizes the help of Mill Environmental Center many volunteers each week of the program. Students entering high school in the fall are welcome to volunteer in the program in the capacity of teachers helper. This volunteer opportunity will allow students to begin earning their community service hours required by many schools prior to graduation. Volunteers can register for the weeks they are interested in working on the Recreation Department's website.

Community Group Facility Use

Are you looking for a facility to host your regular meetings? The Peabody Mill Environmental Center, your community's environmental center has space that could be used for those meetings. We currently provide space for scout troops, home

school groups and guilting groups to name a few. Feel free to give us a call if your group is interested in using the facility.

Birthday Celebrations at the Peabody

Create amazing birthday memories this year! Celebrate your child's next birthday at the Peabody Mill Environmental Center.

Your PMEC party will include an entertaining and informative activity session of your choosing, led

by a PMEC naturalist or science educator, for up to 20 guests. Activities include hikes, crafts, science experiments, stories, and/or games and exclusive use of an activity room (with tables and chairs) for the duration of your celebration.



For More information please visit our website, click on department information and then go to forms.

Baboosic Lake Summer Camp

The Amherst Recreation Department is proud to announce that we will once again offer our summer day program. Baboosic Lake Summer Camp is an opportunity for kids to join old friends, make new ones, develop new skills, be a kid and most of all have fun. Children will participate in many engaging activities; arts and crafts, games, stories, beach volleyball and campers can take advantage of swimming lessons at an additional fee. Sign up early for this fun and affordable weekly program. Don't miss out on the excitement that waits......

When: 9:00am-3:00pm daily Where: Baboosic Lake Pavilion Fee: \$110 Per Week, \$30 Per Day Before/After Care 7:30am - 5:30pr

Before/After Care 7:30am - 5:30pm available. More information at www.amherstrec.org Limited volunteer opportunities are available Weekly Themes*
Week 1: June 25-29 Fun in the Sun
Week 2: July 2-6* Happy Holidays
Week 3: July 9-13 Three Ring Circus
Week 4: July 16-20 Cooking is Fun
*(not 7/4)

Week 5: July 23-27 Olympics Week
Week 6: July30-August 3 Wipeout Water World
Week 7: Aug 6-10 Nature Week

Week 8: Aug 13-17 Baboosic Lake Has Talent

*Themes are subject to change.

Fun with Modern Art

Modern art is bright, colorful and fun to make! Come explore the work of some modern masters such as Kandinsky, Pollack, Warhol and more! Children will create a new project every week exploring media such as watercolors, collage & assemblage, printmaking, sculpture and more! All supplies are included.

When: Thursdays 3/29-5/10 (not 4/26) 2:45-4:15pm

Where: Wilkins School, Who: grades 2-4 Fee: \$115 Resident, \$125 Nonresident

Art Mini Course ∼ Art in My Pocket: Artist Trading Cards

Come learn about a modern art movement, Artist Trading Cards. Using a variety of media and art techniques such as watercolor, Sharpies, duct tape, collage, and more, children will create their own tradable mini works of art. Children will be able to express their own personal style!

When: Tues. 4/24 & Thurs. 4/25, 1-3:00pm Where: Amherst Middle School, Who: grades 2-4

Fee: \$60 Resident, \$70 Nonresident

May Day Basket Afternoon Art Adventure

In days of yore, gathering flowers and branches became a tradition and "bringing in the May" became a popular activity on May 1st. The giving of baskets became part of the festivities later in the evolution of May Day. Now you & your daughter can participate in this fun activity by making a special May Day basket together. Celebration (herbal) tea party included.

When: Saturday 4/28, 1-4:00pm , Where: PMEC

Who: Parent, Guardian & Child,

Fee: \$30 Resident, \$35 Nonresident (includes child & guardian)

Kids Culinary Arts Summer Camps

Bring a cup of curiosity, a dash of enthusiasm and a pinch of creativity...we supply the rest! Dates & Times TBD



Summer Basketball Camps

Basketball skill building camps are available for the youth of our community. We will create a positive environment with the proper balance of instruction, competition, and fun. In addition to teaching the fundamentals of the game, each day will feature time for game play.

Fundamentally Fun Basketball Camp

7/9 –7/12 9:00am-12:30pm, Amherst Middle School Gym Boys & Girls entering gr.2 and girls entering gr. 3 - 6

Saber Hoops Boys Basketball Camp

6/25 - 6/29 9:00am-3:00pm Soughegan High School Gym Boys entering gr. 6-8

7/16 - 7/20 9:00am-2:00pm Soughegan High School Gym Boys entering gr. 3-5

Archery

Learn archery basics after school with our archery instructors, Mike and Dan Bolduc, from Archery In Motion, LLC. This is an Olympic Style target archery program taught by certified instructors. The program will teach not only the basic fundamentals of shooting target archery but it will focus on safety and form. Come ready to learn this up and coming sport; all equipment is provided.



Who: Gr. 5-8, 2:30-3:30pm, Gr. 2-4, 3:45-4:45pm, Where: Bean Field #4 When: Monday, 4/2-4/30 (not 4/23), Fee: \$70 Resident; \$80 Nonresident

Youth Fall Soccer

Come out and join Recreation Soccer. Learn and develop passing, dribbling, and sportsmanship while having fun with your teammates. Participants usually practice one or two nights a week and play their games on Saturday. Deadline for soccer sign-up is August 1st. Late registrations will be subject to \$10 late fee and placed on a wait list until it can be determined that there is space for the registrant in the soccer program. Volunteers are needed to coach.

Age	Div.	Res. Fee	Nonres. Fee
5-7	Instruc.	\$30	\$50
8-9	Prep	\$45	\$65
10-12	Jr/Sr	\$45	\$65

Concert Series on the Green

The Recreation Department is happy to announce that it will again sponsor a mini concert series this summer. We hope that you will join us as we enjoy lively music on the Village Green (Spalding Field for the Block Party). The concerts begin at 6:30pm except where noted and you're invited to come early, bring a picnic, chairs or a blanket, find a spot to dine, and settle in to be entertained. In the event of rain, an alternate location for the concert will be posted on our website and on Facebook the day of the concert.

June 19 - Teddy Bear Picnic Concert-5:30pm followed by the Amherst Town Band at 7PM

Rick Goldin's performances feature singing with guitar accompaniment, puppets, movement activities, child-participation, and lots of silliness and fun for the whole family. Children are encourage to invite their teddy bears (or any stuff animal) so that they can enjoy the concert with them.

June 26 - Beatle Tracks-6:30pm

Beatle Tracks is a Beatles tribute group based in Massachusetts. Beatle Tracks is known for its quality musicianship and renditions true to the original artists. We have the original Beatles to thank for sharing their genius and talent with the world. It is their passion that drives Beatle Tracks to keep their music alive.

July 10 - Mink Hills Band-6:30pm The Mink Hills Band is a New Hampshi

The Mink Hills Band is a New Hampshire based acoustic band whose selection of music includes Bluegrass, Swing, Folk, and Original compositions. The stylistic range of material provides for an interesting and varied musical experience.

July 17 – Amherst Town Band-7pm

This outstanding community band performs public concerts consisting of a wide range of instrumental compositions, such as classical, show tunes, big band, marches, polkas, contemporary and novelties music.

Aug. 8 - WZID Block Party-5pm (Spalding Field)

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Amherst Recreation Department \sim 4 Cross Road, Amherst, NH 03031, Hours 8am-4pm M-F, 603-673-6248 Peabody Mill Environmental Center \sim 66 Brook Road, Amherst, NH 03031, Hours - Mon/Wed/Fri 9am-1pm, Sat 12-4pm 603-673-1141

General Information:

- All registration is available on a space available basis.
- Registrations cannot be processed without full payment
- Minimum and maximum registration numbers have been set for all programs and trips. If the minimum numbers are not met the program may be canceled.
- The date, time or location for any program may be changed because of unforeseen circumstances.
- Waiting lists may be established as programs close out, if deemed necessary.

Registrations are accepted:

- On-line; <u>www.amherstrec.org</u> by using a credit card.
- By mail; Complete your registration form online and return it with full payment to Amherst Recreation, 4 Cross Road, Amherst, NH 03031
- In person; The recreation office is located at 4 Cross Road, Amherst, NH.
- By fax; with credit card info to 673-2032

Cancellation Fee:

All cancellations are subject to a \$15.00 fee per Any Amherst resident may request a scholar-registration. ship for recreation programs where a need

Late Fee:

Late registration for team sports requiring a deadline are subject to a \$10.00 late fee.

Refunds:

There are no refunds once a class/ program has begun unless:

- The program is cancelled by the Amherst Recreation Department.
- Request for a medical reason with a written note from a physician.
- A participant's spot can be replaced with someone from a waiting list.

Scholarships:

Any Amherst resident may request a scholarship for recreation programs where a need exists. Requests must be made in writing on an official application form. All requests are confidential and will be evaluated based on financial and/or hardship circumstances.

Register Early, Nothing Kills a Program Quicker

than everyone waiting until the last minute to register for it! At some point, we have to determine if our enrollment is sufficient to hold the class. If you wait until the first day of class to register, we may have already cancelled the class.