

WYLDLIFE CARNIVAL

By Sandee Waine
Beacon staff

The annual Young Life/WyldLife carnival returns to Andover's village green on Thursday, August 14, from 5 to 8 PM. The evening's events include a blow-up house, a blow-up dodge ball game with court, and a blow-up football game.

Guess your speed at the baseball throw, water balloon burst, and many other games will be there with plenty of fun for everyone. Live entertainment,

hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones, drinks, and much more will be available.

Mark your calendar, bring your whole family, friends, neighbors, everyone, and come and enjoy the fun! Volunteers are needed and donations will be graciously accepted.

In the event of rain, this will be held in the AE/MS gym. For more information please contact Cathy Ellis at CathyE@tds.net.

WCA Beach & Swimming Programs

By Kelly Foss
Wilmot Community Association

It's time to step onto the sand of Timmy Patten Beach, located in Wilmot, and enjoy some fun times with family and friends. The Wilmot Community Association (WCA) is excited for another summer of day camp, family cookouts, and relaxing times to socialize with members and their guests.

The beach program for ages 6 through 12 will be held again this summer from July 7 through August 1. Monday through Friday, from 8 AM to 4 PM, your children will be entertained with arts and crafts, sports, water games, fishing, and more!

Kathy Bowman will be returning for her second year as the director. She has a wonderful, nurturing personality and a pocket full of amazing games and activities for your children. Abby Kessler and Aislinn Parkes have been hired to lifeguard the beach during camp hours and to provide campers with activities from fishing to obstacle courses to volleyball. Alexa Foss has been hired as a Water Safety Instructor Aide and as a counselor. She will bring her love of crafts and the water to the program.

This year parents may enroll children for individual days or for the entire week. American Red Cross Swim lessons will be offered as part of the beach day. Fridays will include trips to places in the area. Themes included are: Crafty by Nature, Super Soakin' Safari, Eco-Friendly Week, and Bait & Switch Week.

From August 4 through 8 a special half-day program will be available to

children ages 5 to 7. The program will run Monday through Friday from 8 AM to noon. The theme is Slime, Grime, and Goop Week.

The public is invited to participate in American Red Cross Swim lessons. Levels one through four will be offered from July 8 through 24. Water Safety Instructor Kelly Foss will be running classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10 AM to noon. She has 25+ years of experience teaching in New Hampshire and Vermont. The classes will promote water fun and safety, along with the skills designated for each level.

Timmy Patten Beach has a grill available for cookouts and tables for family picnics. There are boats available at the beach, but arrangements must be made with the WCA office prior to use. All boaters are required to wear lifejackets. A volleyball net is set up on the site.

The beach is open to Wilmot Community Association members and their guests. A family membership is available to area families (including Andover residents) for only \$35!

There are some important regulations on the beach. When the camp program is not running, patrons swim at their own risk. No lifeguard will be on duty. No rescue equipment will be available. Smoking is not permitted at the beach. We ask all patrons to pick up their trash and place it in the receptacles.

For more information on any of the above programs, please contact the WCA at 526-7934 or WCA@tds.net.



The Girl Scouts were all smiles during their trip to Whisper Wind Stables. Allison Barry holds Andy the horse while the girls get a picture. L-r: Scout Armstrong, Emily Bates, Katelyn Barton, Danika Kolesar, Shyanne Goodbread, and Tiffany Poulin. Missing: Alisha Smart, Betsy Abrahamson, Aura Howe.

Photo: Becky Smart

Girl Scouts Ride At Whisper Wind Stables

By Carmen Bates
For the Beacon

Allison Barry of Whisper Wind Stables on Flaghole Road in Andover welcomed the girl scouts to her barn on June 5. She brought out two horses and showed the girls the right way to groom and tack a horse.

The girls had a great time brushing the horses and learned a little about the differences among brushes and saddles. I had a hard time not taking the brushes from the girls, but as they could not reach the horse's back, I did finally get to do some brushing, too!

Then came the best part: We brought the horses outside, and each girl got a turn to ride a horse twice around the arena. Danika Kolesar was the first brave girl and even rode only holding on with one hand. Katelyn Barton was all smiles and giggles while sitting nice and tall in the saddle.

Emily Bates was excited as she got to try the English saddle, which she had never ridden before. Tiffany Poulin rode Western, and mom was close by watching with a huge smile. Aura Howe was a bit nervous to get on, but that is the excitement of the first time, and by the

end she did not want to get off.

Alisha Smart was not sure she was ready to go but took a deep breath and got on because I told her that I was going to take her turn if she didn't. Shyanne Goodbread got on, and her hair looked as long as the horse's tail as she rode in the circle.

Then came Betsy Abrahamson and Scout Armstrong, the pros, as they are already taking lessons from Allison. They hopped right on and showed us their skills at steering, and Scout even did a little trotting!

The girls shouted a big thank you to Allison, and I think most of them have visions of one day going back. I left smelling the sweet smell of horse on my hands and feeling that it was a perfect day.

Whisper Wind Stables has a summer camp program for this summer, and all interested should call Allison at 934-2139.

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