

BRIDGTON RECREATION NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2019 REVIEW / FALL 2019 PREVIEW

Summer Time Vibes In Rec Camp

Summer is the best time to be a kid. There is no better place to be than at Bridgton Summer Rec. Well maybe there is but most of our kids did not want to leave at the end of the day. Participants entering kindergarten through sixth grade had the opportunity to experience some great things. Between our trips to the Planetarium, Pineland Farms, Dew Haven Zoo, Grey Animal Farm, and Whales Tales we were able to have Mr Hadley, Art Teacher SBES, come weekly to explore arts and crafts. Mrs. Sands, Teacher SBES, Mad Science and our volcano kits were able to teach us all about chemical reactions, plate tectonics, and physics in our STEM activities. We also visited the Zerbini Family Circus, competed in the Maine Youth Track and Field games, had epic four square tournaments, battled it out on Let's Dance on the Xbox, and we possibly indulged in ice cream a few more times than expected.



AFTER SCHOOL FUN



RUN CLUB

TEAM LONG RUN



- Dates To Remember
- 8/28 First Day of School
 - 9/4 Soccer Clinic & Coach Meeting LRHS
 - 9/9 First Mad Science Class
 - 9/11 First Run Club Class
 - 9/12 First Karate Class
 - 9/14 First Youth Soccer Games

LIKE REGION YOUTH SOCCER

DUE NOW

DEADLINE
AUGUST 9th

Levels:
Pre-K
Kindergarten
1st Grade
2nd-3rd Grade
4th-6th Grade

Register @ <http://bridgtonmaine.org/bridgton-recreation/>



The Zerbini Family Circus visited the Town of Bridgton on Sunday July 21 through Monday July 22, 2019 for three public shows and one special summer camp show for the surrounding day camps.



In total the Zerbini Family Circus raised \$1,462 for the summer rec program!



Swim Lessons

Red Cross Swim

Thank you to our Water Safety Instructors Sara, Maddie, & Julia

TOWN OF BRIDGTON JUNIOR HARMON BALL FIELD



Bridgton hosted the 2019 Babe Ruth Softball State Championship Tournament on July 12-15. Seventeen teams from all over the state competed for a bid to the 2019 World Series in Florida. We would like to thank Bridgton Public Works, SAD 61, American Legion Post #67, Bridgton Recreation Department Staff, volunteers, and our umpires for an incredible weekend. The fields looked great and the athletes had a great time!



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Or visit www.bridgtonmaine.org



Festival of Lights

The Festival of Lights in Bridgton is a longtime tradition in town to celebrate the holiday season. The event is always the first Saturday in December. We are looking to establish a group of people willing to dedicate some time to help put on a successful festival. The group will meet once a month until November then meet as needed to prepare for the Festival. Interested? Contact Us!

July 3rd Fireworks

It was a perfect summer night for the Towns annual Independence Day celebration. The Bridgton Community Band played on through the evening, there was plenty of food from various vendors scattered around Stevens Brook Elementary School. The show was exciting for all that attended. There was even a smiley face and a heart too!

Love always,
**BRIDGTON
MAINE**



Adult Trip

Oct. 2, 2019

Register Now @
www.bridgtonmaine.org or
www.harrisonmaine.org



9:30 - Bus Pick-Up @ Harrison Town Office
9:45 - Bus Pick-Up @ Bridgton Town Office
10:20 - Arrive @ Fryeburg Fair Gate G
2:30 - Return To Gate G For Bus Pick Up
3:30 - Bus Drop-Off Bridgton Town Office
3:15 - Bus Drop-Off Harrison Town Office

Seniors 65+ FREE
Adults \$12 Gate Fee
Bridgton / Harrison Residents:
FREE Bus Fair (Round Trip)
Non-Residents: \$5.00 Bus Fair (Round Trip)

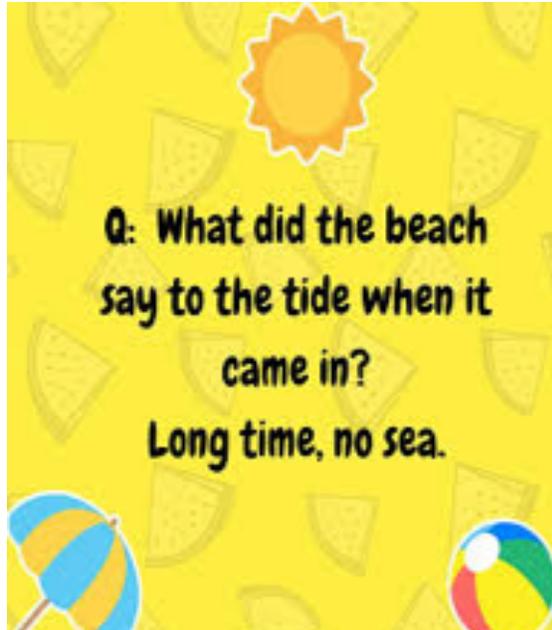
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Fall Foliage Adult Trip

Details Coming Soon



Q: What did the beach say to the tide when it came in?
Long time, no sea.



Welcome Tyler Bregon To The Recreation Department

We would like to welcome Tyler to the Recreation Department. Tyler has been a summer rec employee for the last three years and has been a very valuable asset during our baseball and softball tournaments. Tyler is a Lake Region graduate and was a multi-sport athlete. Tyler's main focus will be programming out of the Town Hall and Ice Rink but you will also see him at athletic and Town events and functions. If you see him be sure to welcome him! Tyler's first day of work as the first Recreation Department Programmer will begin on September 2nd.

REC DIRECTOR NOTES

Is it already time to start the school year? It has been a great summer for us here in the Recreation Department. There were plenty of events going on around town like the Zerbini Family Circus, Independence Day Fireworks, the Babe Ruth Softball Tournament, and the Bridgton Softball Invitational. On top of those great events we also had Summer Rec for children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade, Swim Lessons for babies to adults, and 18U USA Softball.

We were very grateful to have an incredible staff this summer. I would like to thank our lifeguards Luke, Melina, Ben, and Hannah. They all did an incredible job keeping our beaches safe. I would also like to thank our Water Safety Instructors Sara, Maddison, and Julia. Their attention to detail and their ability to teach such an important skill is much appreciated! I would also like to thank the Summer Rec Staff, Shawn, Jess, Lauren, Cam, Tristen, and Tyler. I have been working in summer camps and after school programs for close to fifteen years and I can honestly say this group was one of the best camp staffs you could ask for. Even more impressive was all of their ability to have the respect from the kids but still have a fun goofy time with them was something special to watch. We are lucky to have all of you this summer and hope to have you back!

Now that summer is starting to wrap up its time to start looking to Fall. We have plenty to offer with Mad Science, Karate, and Run Club right after school and Lake Region Youth Soccer starts their season the first week of September!

We also have two adult trips planned for the fall. The first is a trip to the Fryeburg Fair on October 2nd and we are also working out a Fall Foliage Trip with a date to be announced. Stay tuned for details.

As always the Town Hall has plenty of programs to choose from such as Jumping Janes, Tai Chi, Zumba with Allison, Open Gym, Pickle-ball, and Table Tennis. Moving forward we are hoping to add in a few new programs for teens. Details are coming soon! We have heard the call to offer teens something to do in this community! Ask your teen what the Rec Department can offer them that is fun, we are open for suggestions.

Thank you for all of your support!

Gary Colello
Director of Recreation