

# THETFORD TOWN NEWSLETTER

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## THETFORD ACADEMY

\* On **Wednesday, May 8**, Thetford Academy will celebrate the outstanding academic achievements of 107 scholars at the **annual Honors Celebration**. Students and their families will enjoy a light meal, entertainment from a faculty and staff member "Speak Chorus" commemorating the students, and the presentation of awards.

\* **Wednesday, May 8**, is also **Operation Days Work** for students at Thetford Academy. This year students are donating money raised from their day's labor to a charity supported by the national Operation Days Work organization. Thanks to everyone who hired a student or two!

\* **Incoming 7th grade Parents' Transition Night** is scheduled for **Thursday, May 9**. The presentation will begin at 6:30pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater in Anderson Hall, and optional tours of the campus will be offered at 6:00pm.

\* The **TA Board of Trustees will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, May 9, at 7:00pm** in the TA Library. The meeting is open to the public and visitors are welcome.

\* TA will present its annual spring musical, "**Les Miserables**", on **Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 16-18**. Contact TA at 785-4805 for performance times. No reservations are necessary.

\* Mark your calendars for the **Spring Instrumental Concert on Thursday, May 23**. The event takes place at 6:30pm in the Martha Jane Rich Theater in Anderson Hall.

\* TA seniors and their guests will celebrate the end of the year at their **senior prom on Friday, May 24**. Dinner and dancing will take place at Dowd's Country In Lyme, NH. We wish everyone a safe and lovely evening.

\* **School will be closed on Monday, May 27, for the Memorial Day** holiday and will reopen on Tuesday, May 28.

*Submitted by Wendy Cole*

## MAPLE LEAF AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Maple Leaf Children's Center is thrilled to be able to offer the community an After-School Program starting this fall! Children up to the age of 8 will be able to attend Maple Leaf between 3:00pm and 5:30pm, after finishing their school day at Thetford Elementary or Open Fields School. The after-school teacher will greet them each day upon dismissal, starting their afternoon with play on the TES playground or heading over to the library. The remainder of their afternoons will include some snack, playing games or perhaps working on homework or a cooking project. Thetford also offers-up some great walking trails of which we plan to take full advantage!

*Submitted by Dena Aitken, Executive Director, Maple Leaf*

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

**Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup>—Noon-5pm**

Wells River Savings Bank  
3088 RTE 5 East Thetford

Questions - call 802-727-2009 or 802-785-2980

*Submitted by Amy Vance*

## TREASURE ISLAND

Calling all swimmers! Calling all summer-lovers! Registration is OPEN NOW for American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim Lessons held at Treasure Island. We have weekday morning lessons, and Saturdays only. Lessons are run by certified Water Safety Instructors, and lessons are 1/2 hour daily for two weeks, or only on Saturdays. We have four two-week sessions to choose from:

Session #1: June 17-28

Session #2: July 1-12 (no lessons July 4)

Session #3: July 15-26

Session #4: July 29-August 9

During sessions 2 & 4, we teach Guardstart, aka Junior Lifesaving, (ages 11-14), from 12-12:45pm. Swim lessons are for ages 4 & up. Residents Fee: \$30. Guardstart: \$40. Register online at [www.thetfordrec.com](http://www.thetfordrec.com), or drop off/mail form to the Thetford Recreation Department. Questions #785-2922, or #333-3507.

Treasure Island opens Saturday, June 15! Hours are 10am-8pm everyday of the week all summer. Season Passes available NOW at Town Hall; Family = \$55, Individual = \$30. Purchase a season pass BEFORE June 1st and save \$10 on a family pass, and \$5 on an individual pass. For island rental for reunions, clubs, birthdays, etc, call Scott or Ann O'Hearn at #333-3507.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Beach Party! Friday, August 9th from 12-4pm.**

**OUTDOOR ADVENTURES Summer Day Camp:** July and August, for more info, and to register go to [www.thetfordrec.com](http://www.thetfordrec.com)

See you at the beach!

*Submitted by Scott and Ann O'Hearn, Treasure Island Managers*

## THETFORD ELDER NETWORK - TEN

The **TEN--Thetford Elder Network--Luncheon** welcomes you on **Thursday, May 23, 2013, at 11:30am at the Church in North Thetford. This month's fare will be a community potluck.** Please bring a dish (marked with your name!) to share, enough for eight people if you can. Some dishes will be made by the kitchen team as well. Following lunch we'll hear a talk by historian Larry Coffin, author of *In Times Past, Books 1 and 2*, who will share a few stories with us of life in earlier Upper Valley years. ♦All of us will enjoy this mid-spring event. Larry Coffin's always fun to hear or to read, and copies of his most recent book will be available for purchase, if you want to read more.

For more info or RSVP call Martha or Roger at ♦333-4082. Free admission ~ Donations appreciated TEN Luncheons are held once a month, usually the fourth Thursday, and everyone--especially over-50s, elders, seniors, and their friends are welcome. Also welcome are volunteers, especially those who can participate occasionally or frequently. To volunteer, call Cathee at 785-2668.

*Submitted by Susan Rump*

## YARD SALE - THETFORD COMMUNITY CNTR

The **United Church of Thetford** will sponsor a Yard Sale at the Thetford Center Community Center on **Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** All purchases are by donation.

*Submitted by Bev Slack*

## SUMMER ADVENTURE CAMP - AT TREASURE ISLAND

6 Weeks of camp: July 8 through August 16. Sign up for individual weeks or all 6. 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM at Treasure Island. After care available 3:30 - 5:30 PM.

The focus of this summer's camp will be on Outdoor Education, Outdoor Adventure, Outdoor Skills and Natural Crafts. Activities will include camping skills, kayak instruction, environmental education and arts. And of course there are swimming and sports. We will be structuring camp on the model of the VerShare Community Camp, with a schedule of workshops and enriching activities in the out-of-doors.

Registration online at <http://www.thetfordrec.com/>. Deadline July 2nd unless space is available. \$125/week Thetford resident, \$135/week from out-of-town.

Activity leaders: We are looking for workshop leaders each week, 2 hours mornings or 1-1.5 hours in the afternoons. Would you like to volunteer your experience and lead an enriching workshop for the children? You may trade for your child's camp tuition that week.

*Submitted by Bonna Wieler, Director 802-333-3549, [bonna.wieler@gmail.com](mailto:bonna.wieler@gmail.com)*

## SUMMER CAMPS IN THETFORD

### **British Soccer Summer Camp**

This year we will host British coaches from Challenger Soccer. British Soccer Camps provide players of all ages and abilities with the rare opportunity to receive high-level soccer coaching from a team of international experts. Each day includes individual foot skills, technical drills, tactical practices, small-sided games, coached scrimmages, and a daily tournament. Equally important, the Challenger coaching staff provides your child with lessons in respect, responsibility, integrity, sportsmanship and leadership. Camp programs include a free ball and shirt and a free British Soccer jersey for on line registrations 45 days prior to camp!

Camp is scheduled for the week of **June 24 - June 28** at the following times: **Mini-soccer (ages 4-5)** 9-10:30am \$80; **Half-Day (ages 6-10)** 9am-Noon \$113; **Half-Day (ages 11-14)** 1:30-4:30pm \$113; **Full Day (ages 8 - 14)** 9am-3:00pm \$181

### **Summer Music Camp**

Introduce your young stars to the universe of music! For beginners and more; no prior experience necessary. Campers will get to try out a variety of instruments (including Voice!) and choose one to work with for the week. Then they'll use their instrument to create their own performance or songwriting project, with plenty of musical games and activities along the way. The week will culminate in a Project Showcase party for families and friends where campers can share their efforts with the ones they love!

Presented in collaboration with D&J Music. Learn more at [www.dandjmusic.com](http://www.dandjmusic.com).

**REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS AT: [www.thetfordrec.com](http://www.thetfordrec.com)**

*Submitted by Kathi Meyerson, Thetford Rec*

## OPEN FIELDS MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL - SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2013

Hear ye, hear ye. **A festive Faire shall occur the twenty-fifth of May, Anno Domini 2013, on the Greene of Thetford Hill.** The faire shall commence with the tolling of bells at 11 am and come to completion at 3 pm.

The Medieval Festival is a wonderful Thetford community event hosted by Open Fields School. During this family-friendly festival, the Green comes alive with the sights and sounds of a medieval village. A King and Queen, knights and ladies, peasants, craftsmen, shepherds, and farmers gather to celebrate the age via music, dance, games of skill and chance, parades, storytelling, Benny the Dragon, and feats of juggling and acrobatics. Lunch and desserts are available, including choices for vegetarians, so bring your appetites and enjoy some festival feasting.

The 2013 Open Fields Medieval Festival will feature the talents of the No Strings Marionette Company performing their newest production, The Hobbit. Other entertainment includes morris dancing, musicians, traditional songs, and a maypole dance. As in years past, this year's festival combines the demonstration of traditional arts with hands-on activities. Come try your hand at felting, weaving, calligraphy, candle-making, blacksmithing, beading, and printing, among others. Kids will love maneuvering their steeds through the horse course, digging for treasures in the bran bucket, trying their hands at swordplay, and getting lost in the hedge maze. Come see demonstrations by the Shire of Panther Vale, a branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism, or get into the spirit of things by dancing around the may pole.

Several area businesses have supported this year's festival with raffle items. Join us on festival day and enter to win any number of wonderful items, from a Child's Birthday Party at the Upper Valley Aquatic Center to four tickets to the 2013 Revels North Winter Solstice Celebration: Appalachian Christmas show. Plants and starter sets, generously donated by Cedar Circle, will be available for purchase on the green. Hay bales for mulch will be available for sale at the end of the day. We are currently seeking artisans, craftsmen and farmers from the Thetford area to demonstrate their talents during the festival. Traditional arts are preferred. There is no booth fee or commission required on artisan sales; we only ask that you enhance the festival by demonstrating your art and by answering questions about how you create your products.

Please consider becoming a volunteer to ensure the day is a fun, exciting, and inspirational experience for the children and families who attend. We also rely on donations from individuals and sponsorship from businesses to make the Open Fields Medieval Festival a success. If you would like to learn more about volunteering or becoming a donor or a sponsor, please contact Mindy Wren Barth at [mindy@openfields.org](mailto:mindy@openfields.org) or call Open Fields at 802.785.2077. Information is also available on the Medieval Festival website, [www.VTMedFest.com](http://www.VTMedFest.com).

**Admission to the festival is \$7 per person. Children ages 4 and under are free.** Tickets can be purchased online at [www.VTMedFest.com](http://www.VTMedFest.com) or at the gate on festival day. We hope to see you Saturday May 25th from 11 am to 3 pm at the Medieval Festival!

*Submitted by Mindy Wren Barth, Open Fields School*